

Special Bulletin

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PHE asks GPs to increase vigilance for measles cases in the area

Cases of measles continue to be reported across the South west and more recently Public Health England has seen both child and adult cases across Bristol, North Somerset, and South Gloucestershire. Public Health England is asking GPs in the area to remain vigilant for cases and take the appropriate actions:

- Notify suspected cases early to PHE to ensure rapid follow up;
- Ensure possible cases are isolated on arrival to the practice to reduce risk of infection to other patients and members of staff;
- Be prepared to offer MMR to currently unvaccinated patients on request;
- Prominently display PHE posters and leaflets on MMR vaccination for young people (links below).

Remember that it is never too late to have the MMR vaccine. Children, young people and adults who have not received 2 doses of MMR vaccine are eligible for catch up immunisations.

Poster resources

Young people poster: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/think-measles-poster-about-measles-in-young-people>

Leaflet for young people: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/think-measles-patient-leaflet-for-young-people>

Both resources can be obtained through DH Orderline: <https://www.orderline.dh.gov.uk>

For further information or to notify cases, please contact the South West (North) Health Protection Team on 030 30 38 162 the select option 1 and option 2.

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