Introduction

This information is aimed to support local practices in understanding school aged immunisations, including changes to the schedule. This information includes:

- An overview of arrangements in your local area
- A practice checklist to help understand your responsibilities
- Childhood flu pathway
- HPV pathway
- MenACWY pathway
- Td/IPV pathway
- Birth dates and year groups
- Useful links and contacts

We hope you find this information useful and clear: if you have any comments, suggestions or queries please contact the South West Screening and Immunisations Team on england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net

Overview of school aged immunisations

From September 2019 the following immunisations will be delivered by the school age immunisation provider:

- Influenza: Reception to year 6
- HPV dose 1: Year 8 girls and boys
- HPV dose 2: Year 9 girls only this year
- Men ACWY: Year 9
- Td/IPV: Year 9
GP checklist

☐ Check that all data on immunisations delivered by the school age immunisation provider that has been sent to you has been uploaded onto your GP practice patient records.

☐ Check that all data on immunisations you have given in your practice has been sent to the Child Health (CHIS) team. This includes any vaccination from the routine schedule given as a travel vaccination. If you are unsure, send it again or contact the Child Health (CHIS) team to discuss this with them.

☐ You will receive a summary report of any year 10 students who have any routine immunisations outstanding. These children will receive a letter from CHIS asking them to make an appointment with their GP practice.

☐ Review how young people are invited for vaccinations at your surgery and whether this meets their needs. Points to consider:

  • Are the sessions outside of school hours?
  • Can the young people get to your surgery for the appointments?
  • Consider evening or weekend sessions for parents to be able to attend appointments too.
  • Are you sending patient information leaflets (PILs) to ensure young people are aware of what they are being invited for?
  • Are you using text messaging reminders?

☐ Make sure you are promoting school aged immunisations through leaflets, posters and through links on your website.
### Which flu vaccine should children have?

There are two types of flu vaccine available for children in 2019/20 – the ‘live’ nasal spray vaccine and the inactivated injected flu vaccine. This chart indicates which vaccine children should have.

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**Notes:**
- Those aged two and three years old on 31 August 2019 (but not four years old) are eligible for flu vaccination in general practice.
- All primary school aged children (those aged 4 to 10 years old on 31 August 2019) are eligible for flu vaccination in school.
- At-risk children include those who have long-term health conditions such as asthma and other respiratory diseases, liver, kidney and neurological conditions including learning disabilities, even if well managed.
- The nasal spray vaccine is a ‘live’ vaccine but the viruses in it have been weakened so they cannot cause flu. It is not suitable for all children including those who are severely immunocompromised, or are on salicylate therapy. Specialist advice should be sought for children who have needed intensive care due to asthma or egg allergic anaphylaxis, or have been taking regular oral steroids for asthma.
- Children who are wheezy at the time of vaccination or have been wheezy in the past 72 hours, should be offered a suitable injected flu vaccine to avoid a delay in protection.
Vaccination process for HPV

The vaccine will be offered to boys, in addition to girls, in school year 8 (12–13 year olds) as part of the school-aged immunisation programme from 1 September 2019. There is no HPV catch up for boys, boys are only eligible in year 8.

**Year 8** Children, both boys and girls will be invited to attend a vaccination session for their first HPV dose using information from CHIS. If they miss this session, they will be invited to a mop-up session by the school aged immunisation provider.

- **Child misses HPV**
- **Child attends session and receives HPV**

Any year 8 child who misses HPV will be called to a mop-up session run by the school aged immunisation team. If a child can’t be vaccinated by the immunisation team they can receive vaccination at their GP practice.

- **Information passed to CHIS**

**Year 9** girls will be invited to attend a vaccination session for their second dose using information from CHIS. If they miss this session, they will be invited to a mop-up session by the school immunisation team. If a girl has received no HPV vaccine the school aged immunisation provider will try to deliver both dose during year 9.

- **Child misses HPV**
- **Child attends session and receives HPV**

Any year 9 child who misses HPV vaccination will be called to a mop-up session run by the school aged immunisation team. If a child can’t be vaccinated by the immunisation team they can received vaccination at their GP Practice.

- **Information passed to CHIS**

**Year 10 and older** Children will receive no further invitation from the school age immunisation providers. It is the responsibility of GP Surgeries to Opportunistically complete any incomplete HPV schedules.

**INCREASE IN UPPER AGE LIMIT OF HPV VACCINE FOR GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN**

In January 2019, the GPC (General Practitioners Committee) agreed to an increase in the upper age limit of the HPV vaccine, so girls and young women can opportunistically access the vaccine free of charge in general practice if they have missed the vaccinations through the school-based programme.

From 1 April 2019, GPs will be re-reimbursed for vaccinating young women (over the age of 18 up to 24 years & 364 days). This will help to further reduce cervical cancer, and rarer HPV-related cancers, such as anal cancer, genital cancers and cancers of the head and neck.
Vaccination Process for Meningitis ACWY

Children from age 10 are not normally eligible for Men ACWY until they reach Year 9 where this will be offered, however, there may be circumstances where young people require this before year 9

Yes

Has the child ever received a dose of MenC conjugate Vaccine?

No

GP Practice to vaccinate with Men ACWY

Information passed to CHIS

Explain child will be offered vaccination in school year 9

Year 9 children will be invited to attend a vaccination session using information from CHIS. If the miss this session, they will be invited to a mop-up session by the school aged immunisation team

Child misses Men ACWY

Child attends session and receives Men ACWY

Information passed to CHIS

Any Child who misses Men ACWY should be referred to school aged immunisation team. If Child can't be vaccinated by the school aged immunisation team they can receive vaccination at their GP Practice

Year 10 to Year 13 Children should have already been offered Men ACWY Vaccination

Has the Child received a dose of Men ACWY conjugate since the age of 10?

Yes

Child is up to date with vaccination and does not need another dose of Men ACWY

No

GP Practice to vaccinate with Men ACWY

Information passed to CHIS

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Yes

Has the child ever received a dose of MenC conjugate Vaccine?

No

Explain child will be offered vaccination in school year 9

Information passed to CHIS
Older groups eligible through opportunistic vaccination

Provide Men ACWY vaccination to eligible students on an opportunistic basis or who self-present at the GP practice; unless immunisation is contraindicated.

Eligible patients are those who:

i. are attending university/further education for the first time at the time of vaccination,
ii. are aged 19 years on 31 August 2019
iii. Patients eligible from August 2015 remain eligible up to the day before their 25th birthday).
iv. are vaccinated at any time during the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020; The patient must be under the age of 25 years at the time of vaccination.
Vaccination Process for Td/IPV (Teenage Booster)

Year 8 or Younger children should be not routinely offered vaccination until they have reach Year 9 where this will be offered by the school age immunisation team. Td/IPV should ideally be given 10 years after the first booster (around 13 years 4 months.) However, there may be circumstance where young people require this before year 9.

Is there a reason that the child should receive vaccination before the school age offer is made?

- **Yes**: GP Practice to vaccinate with Td/IPV
  - Pass information to CHIS

- **No**: Explain child will be offered vaccination in school Year 9
  - Child misses Td/IPV
    - Child attends session and receives Td/IPV
      - Information passed to CHIS
  - Any Year 9 child who missed Td/IPV should be referred to the school aged immunisation team. If a child can’t be vaccinated by the immunisation team they can receive vaccination at their GP Practice.

Year 9 Children will be invited to attend a vaccination session using information from CHIS. If they miss this session, they will be invited to a mop-up session by the school aged immunisation team.

Any older Children, young people or Adults who have missed any dose of Td/IPV should be vaccinated opportunistically in general practice. Please refer to the Green Book and the incomplete vaccination schedule for further information (https://www.gov.uk/government/publication/vaccination-of-individuals-with-uncertain-or-incomplete-immunisations-status)
Date of births and year groups for 2019/20 academic year

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Useful links and contacts

Training
MenB and MenACWY programmes: a video training guide for healthcare professionals

Immunisation and vaccination training update via e-learning:

Resources
Meningococcal leaflets, consent forms, information for healthcare practitioners and other MenACWY-specific materials
https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/meningococcal-acw-y-menacw-y-vaccination-programme

MenACWY GP invitation letter template.

HPV and MenACWY leaflets and posters, and the immunisations for young people leaflet (which includes information on Td/IPV can be ordered from www.orderline.dh.gov.uk/HPV vaccination Information for healthcare practitioners

Supporting guidance
Meningococcal ACWY Immunisation Programme for Adolescents: Information for healthcare professionals (July 2016)


Meningitis Research Foundation: http://www.meningitis.org

Financial information
Full practice payment information can be found on the NHS Employers website

Data
Uptake data for MenACWY for the main cohort can be found on Immform
https://portal.immform.dh.gov.uk/

PGDs
Can be accessed via the NHS England South (South West) website
https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/info-professional/pgd/south-west/downloads/
Contacts

Screening and Immunisation Team: england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net

CHIS:

### South West Child Health Information Service

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