



Public Health GP Bulletin

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About this bulletin:

This weekly bulletin is the NHSE/I South West Integrated Public Health Team's main method of communicating with Practice Managers in BNSSG, BSW, Cornwall & IOS, Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire and Somerset.

The bulletin contains important Public Health information relating to Section 7a Screening and Immunisation programmes commissioned by NHSE/I. Content may include requests for information and deadlines affecting payments, as well as updates on issues relating to GP contracts.

Current issues and back copies of the bulletins and attachments are available on the NHSE/I website [here](#). If you have any questions or wish to provide feedback, please contact the Integrated Public Health Team at england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net

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Immunisation clinical advice and response service (ICARS) COVID-19 Newsletter

We are pleased to bring you the latest updates from our ICARS service. This newsletter is attached to your email along with associated documents.

Availability of Vaxelis® vaccine as an alternative to Infanrix hexa®

Vaxelis® and Infanrix hexa® vaccines are interchangeable, but where possible and if local stock allows, it is preferable that the same DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB-containing vaccine be used for all three doses of the primary course. However, vaccination should never be delayed because the vaccine used for previous doses is not known or unavailable.

The hexavalent vaccine DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB PGD national template (version 03.00, valid from 1 September 2021) includes use of both Infanrix hexa® and Vaxelis®.

Ordering controls for Vaxelis® will be in place to balance incoming supply with demand. Customers in England and Wales may order up to 6 packs of Vaxelis® per ImmForm account per week. Customers in Scotland should refer to their local ordering restrictions. Providers should not order more than two weeks' worth of stock to minimise wastage due to fridge failures.

Further details can be found in the Vaxelis® Summary of Product Characteristics at - [Vaxelis suspension for injection in pre-filled syringe - Summary of Product Characteristics \(SmPC\) - \(emc\) \(medicines.org.uk\)](#)

Kind regards,

Vaccine supply team