

# South West Public Health

## Section 7a Screening & Immunisations Bulletin



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## ICARS Newsletter 15.07.22

Please find this week's ICARS newsletter attached to this email.

## NEW: PGD Published - Hib/MenC PGD V5.00 (Menitorix®)

**This UPDATE relates to NHS vaccinations. Please share this with appropriate staff in your practice**

Your team can now download a new PGD that has been authorised for the vaccination of patients registered with NHS medical practices in the South West of England.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/info-professional/pgd/south-west/downloads/>

Note that PGDs can only be used as legal authorisation for administration or supply of prescription-only medicines by a [limited number](#) of registered health professions. Other staff that cannot prescribe will require a patient specific direction (guidance [here](#)).

One new PGD has been authorised for a range of registered healthcare professionals to use.

### **Hib/MenC PGD V5.00 (Menitorix®) - valid from 31 July 2022**

*For the administration of Haemophilus influenzae type b and meningococcal C conjugate vaccine (Hib/MenC) to individuals from their first birthday to under 10 years of age in accordance with the national immunisation programme; and to individuals of any age for the prevention of secondary cases of meningococcal group C (MenC) disease.*

### **Changes from V4.00:**

- include minor rewording of standard text, layout and formatting changes for clarity and consistency with organisation change and other UKHSA PGDs.
- align criteria for exclusion to Green Book with reference to minor illness or systemic upset
- add full list of active excipients in the drug section
- add premature cohort in special considerations to align with Guidance for Public Health Management of Meningococcal Disease in the UK
- update references

## NEW: Imvanex (MVA-BN) Vaccine Stock Expiry

All Imvanex stock has a 2 year expiry at -20°C (so the current batch available has an expiry data of 09/2022).

Whereas the expiry date on the box may say a much later date as the assumption is that within the box it is being stored at -50 or -80 degrees.

This is an ask that all sites holding Imvanex stock to check the vial label for the expiry date when stored at -20°C.

In summary, Imvanex® vaccine has an 8-week shelf life at 2 - 8°C and sites should record the thawed expiry to the vaccination administration records.

## Further Information

- Back issues of these bulletins and attachments are available on the NHSEI website [here](#).
- If you have any questions or wish to provide feedback, please contact the Integrated Public Health Team at [england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net](mailto:england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net)