

# South West Vaccination & Screening Team

## Section 7a Bulletin



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### ICARS Newsletter

Please note the ICARS newsletter is now circulated fortnightly. The following issue will be included in next week's bulletin.

### Identified ICARS learning

The attached document gives a summary of some of the learning identified over recent months. In summary the learning covers the following points:

- Private Vaccines
- Hepatitis B positive fathers
- Advice from national about disregarding fractional IPV doses
- Advice for children under 10 who require additional doses of IPV to bring them up to date with the UK schedule
- Cold chain audit response
- Postponing vaccination due to fever and presence of a neurological condition
- Business continuity plan to support maintain a stable cold chain
- Guidance on data logger usage

### Reporting a Screening Incident

We would like to first thank providers for continuing to report incidents using the Screening Incident Assessment Forms (SIAF).

To make the process easier for providers, SQAS and screening and immunisations teams we would like to offer the following advice:

When reporting a SIAF, please use the most recent version of the form which can be found here with the guidance on managing safety incidents in the NHSE screening programmes: [Managing safety incidents in NHS screening programmes - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

- Please send this form to:
  - SQAS: [england.SouthQA@nhs.net](mailto:england.SouthQA@nhs.net)
  - South West Vaccination and Screening Team (VaST): [england.swvast@nhs.net](mailto:england.swvast@nhs.net)
- Please report all screening incidents, which involve any part of the screening pathway, to SQAS and the South West VaST as soon as possible. Timely reporting helps to ensure that we can support you in the management of the incident as soon as possible.

## School Aged Immunisation Pathways 2023 – 24

Please see attached the relevant school aged immunisation pathway for your area.

In line with changes made to the GP contract, GPs are able to administer the following vaccinations which are also delivered by the school immunisation service.

### HPV

- GP practices are required to provide (HPV) vaccinations to adolescent girls and boys who have attained the age of 14 years but who have not attained the age of 25 years who have missed vaccination under the schools programme.
- An item of service fee will only be applicable for those vaccinations administered by the GP practice.
- Boys and Girls aged between 14 and 25 years who were eligible to receive HPV vaccine under the routine schools immunisation programme. Those eligible who missed vaccination in schools will be able to receive the vaccine in primary care, opportunistically or if requested, until they reach 25 years of age. N.B Eligibility for boys include males born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2006
- Please note that from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 the HPV vaccination was changed from a 2 dose to a 1 dose schedule. This change DOES NOT apply to those who are known to have a HIV status or who are known to be immunocompromised where a 3 dose schedule still applies

### MMR

- GP practices are required to vaccinate all registered patients who are eligible and who have not previously received a completed course of the vaccination.
- School immunisation services will also offer this opportunistically
- There is no upper age limit to catch up on MMR vaccinations

### MenACWY

- GP practices are required to provide MenACWY vaccinations to those who have attained the age of 14 years but who have not attained the age of 25 years.

- This includes those patients who may have missed the school programme (14<25) and those (19<25 years) who are attending University for the first time.
- An item of service fee will only be applicable for those vaccinations administered by the GP practice.

### Td/IPV

- GP practices can provide Td/IPV vaccinations to those who have attained 14 years but may have missed this vaccination as part of the school programme
- An item of service fee will only be applicable for those vaccinations administered by the GP practice
- There is no upper limit to catch up on Td/IPV vaccinations

Please direct any questions to [england.swvast@nhs.net](mailto:england.swvast@nhs.net) marked FAO SAI Workplan

For further details on the changes made to the GP contract regarding immunisations please see:

[NHS England » Changes to the GP Contract in 2023/24](#)

## Further Information

If you have any questions or wish to provide feedback, please contact the SW Vaccination and Screening Team at [england.swvast@nhs.net](mailto:england.swvast@nhs.net). Back issues of these bulletins and attachments are available on the NHS England website [here](#). **Please note that if there are no items for your information a GP Bulletin will not be circulated.**