

# South West Vaccination & Screening Team

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## VACCINATIONS:

### MMR Vaccinations for Practice Staff

**On behalf of Jane Freeguard, Deputy Director of Vaccination – Medicines & Pharmacy**

In light of the national measles outbreak and urgency to support rapid uptake of the MMR vaccine, we are permitting practices to administer MMR vaccines to their eligible staff who are registered with another practice under INT (immediately necessary treatment). Please note this is a time limited arrangement until 31 March 2024 in light of the on-going national incident and only applies to MMR vaccinations.

An item of service fee cannot be claimed for the administration of MMR vaccines to staff registered with another practice. However, indemnity cover will be provided through CNSGP and nationally supplied MMR stock can be used to vaccinate eligible staff. Staff must be strongly encouraged to inform their registered practice that they have received an MMR vaccine, requesting it be included in their medical record.

### MMR FAQs Version 2

In light of the above, our MMR FAQs document has been updated. Please find version 2 attached or access it on our FutureNHS site: [SW MMR FAQs, South West Vaccination & Screening Team](#). Further updates include:

#### **Are there any MMR vaccine supply issues?**

Updated to clarify that ImmForm MMR vaccines can be used for all eligible age groups.

#### **Can MMR vaccines be mutually aided?**

Clarification added that MMR vaccines can only be moved between practices that are part of the same legal entity (e.g. branch practices) or if the practice has a wholesale dealer's licence.

## Can ICB vaccination teams use a practice's MMR stock to vaccinate registered patients?

In the event that ICB vaccination teams assist with additional MMR clinics within a GP practice, they may **only** administer MMR vaccines that have been procured by the practice from ImmForm **if**:

- The patient is registered at the practice and is eligible for MMR.  
**and**
- An agreement is in place between the ICB vaccination team and the practice for governance and to protect the staff vaccinating. This agreement should outline that:
  - The practice has responsibility for the governance and storage/handling of the vaccine.
  - The ICB vaccination team has responsibility for the training/competence of the staff administering the vaccine.

A template agreement which has been used previously for seasonal flu and pneumococcal vaccinations and can be amended for this purpose can be found attached.

If the ICB vaccination team are providing and using their own MMR vaccine stock, there is no need for such an agreement to be in place.

### **MMR training for non-registered vaccinators:**

We have received a number of queries about e.g. COVID-19 outreach teams delivering MMR vaccinations. We are awaiting further advice from the UKHSA and NHS England national immunisation teams about the required immunisation training and legal frameworks that would be needed for non-registered vaccinators to administer MMR.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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