

# South West Vaccination & Screening Bulletin

  
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### Guidance on MMR Coding and Re-coding

Please note that the national NHS England team have issued guidance for practices when coding or re-coding MMR vaccination events. This includes:

- Instructions for actioning retrospective coding of an MMR vaccine event without triggering an item of service fee
- Notes on overseas vaccination history, vaccinations delivered in other settings

- Current and valid SNOMED codes

Please find the guidance document attached, or on our [South West Vaccination & Screening Team FutureNHS site](#).

## Childhood Immunisation communications campaign launching on Monday 4th March

Preventable childhood infections can have a huge impact on a child's life: they can miss out on education, be hospitalised, or suffer life-long complications such as deafness, blindness, encephalitis (infection of the brain) and even paralysis. Due to a fall in vaccine uptake, we are already seeing increases of measles and whooping cough, with outbreaks around the country, so there is an urgent need to ensure children are vaccinated and protected against these serious, but preventable, illnesses.

To help improve access, NHS England recently launched a national call and recall initiative designed to support action at local level to address falling vaccination rates.

In support of this work, UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and NHS England are launching an England-wide communications campaign on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March to highlight the risk that this generation of children is facing and to promote the importance of vaccination as a simple and safe way to be protected.

We need all the help we can get to help spread the message, so UKHSA have produced [the communications toolkit](#) which gives you everything you need to tailor the messages for your organisations.

**Please note that the contents of the toolkit is embargoed until Monday 4 March when the campaign launches. Please do not use any of the material before then.**

If you have any questions about the campaign, do not hesitate to get in touch with UKHSA at [externalaffairs@ukhsa.gov.uk](mailto:externalaffairs@ukhsa.gov.uk).

## MMR FAQs Updated 01.03.24

Please find attached the latest version of our regional MMR FAQs. We recommend that the best place to access our [regional MMR FAQs](#) document is on our [FutureNHS](#) site to ensure that you are working from the most up-to-date version. If you have not visited this site before, you will be asked to request access – simply click on the link above and tell us your practice name or code and your job title and we will grant access as quickly as possible (within working hours). If you require support in registering for a FutureNHS account please visit <https://future.nhs.uk/>.

Please note that both the table of changes and the contents list contains hyperlinks to the FAQ items for easier navigation.

If you have any further clinical queries about MMR, or any other routine immunisations, please contact our ICARS service at [england.swicars@nhs.net](mailto:england.swicars@nhs.net).

## COVID-19:

### Covid-19 Vaccination Bulletin – 26th February 2024

Please find attached the COVID-19 Vaccination Bulletin from NHS England. This provides need-to-know information from the national COVID-19 vaccination deployment team, supporting Vaccination Centres (VC), Local Vaccination Services (LVS) and Hospital Hubs across the country to deliver the COVID-19 vaccination programme.

If you have any queries, please contact your SVOC who can escalate via the SVOC/RVOC escalation route, if required.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

- If you have any questions or feedback about this bulletin, please contact the SW Vaccination & Screening Team at [england.swvast@nhs.net](mailto:england.swvast@nhs.net). Back issues are available [here](#).
- For advice about Section 7A or COVID-19 vaccinations, or for support following an immunisation incident, please contact ICARS at [england.swicars@nhs.net](mailto:england.swicars@nhs.net). For more information, please click [here](#).
- For general enquiries, screening related matters or Section 7A public health contracts, please contact [england.swvast@nhs.net](mailto:england.swvast@nhs.net) or [visit our website](#).
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