**Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire (DeNo)**

**Screening & Immunisation Team (SIT) Update**

**August 2022**

**Please cascade to ALL staff, including GPs, Practice Nurses & Reception Staff**

# Immunisation Information

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| **PHARMACY IMMUNISATION QUERIES**  The Screening & Immunisation Team are unable to provide immunisation advice to pharmacies. Please contact the NHSE Pharmacy team for pharmacy immunisation advice: [england.pharmacy-vaccsite-midlands@nhs.net](mailto:england.pharmacy-vaccsite-midlands@nhs.net) |

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| **IMMUNISATION QUERIES**   * **Any routine immunisation (Section 7A) enquiries or incidents (including cold chain & vaccine incidents) should be sent the East Midlands Immunisation Clinical Advice Service (EMICAS) generic inbox** [**england.emids-imms@nhs.net**](mailto:england.imms@nhs.net) * All National flu queries should be emailed to: PHCO.fluops@nhs.net * All National Imms & Vacc System (NIVS)queries should be emailed to: [NIVS@england.nhs.uk](mailto:NIVS@england.nhs.uk) * All National Imms & Management System (NIMS) queries should be emailed to NIMSsupport@systemc.com * All ImmForm queries should be emailed to: Helpdesk@immform.org.uk or 0207 183 8580. * All HCW flu queries should be emailed to: [HCWvac@phe.gov.uk](mailto:HCWvac@phe.gov.uk) * All practice payment queries should be emailed to: [england.gp-contracting@nhs.net](mailto:england.gp-contracting@nhs.net) |
| **IMMUNISATION CLINICAL ADVICE SERVICE (ICAS) POSTER**   * A poster has been developed to promote the ICAS service to GP staff members. Please share with colleagues. |
| **VACCINE UPDATE NEWSLETTER**   * If you’re not already registered to receive Vaccine Update directing, please sign up to receive them here: [Vaccine update - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/vaccine-update) * [Vaccine update: issue 331, August 2022 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vaccine-update-issue-331-august-2022) |
| **CHECK IMMFORM REGULARLY FOR IMMUNISATION UPDATES**   * Practices are reminded to check ImmForm regularly for the latest immunisation updates via: <https://portal.immform.phe.gov.uk/News.aspx> * ICS/ICB colleagues are encouraged to register for ImmForm access where this is relevant to their role : <https://portal.immform.phe.gov.uk/Registration.aspx> |
| **2022/23 FLU RESOURCES & TOP TIPS**   * **2022/23 flu season:** 01.09.22 – 31.03.23. * **JCVI statement on 2022/23 flu vaccines (22.09.21):** <https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/joint-committee-on-vaccination-and-immunisation> * **COVID-19 Autumn booster & flu vaccine programme expansion (15.07.22):** <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/covid-19-autumn-booster-and-flu-vaccine-programme-expansion/> * **Amendment to 2022/23 tripartite annual flu letter/plan (22.07.22)** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-flu-immunisation-programme-plan> confirmed that the following additional cohorts will be offered flu vaccination:   + secondary school-aged children focusing on Years 7, 8 & 9 & any remaining vaccine will be offered to years 10 & 11, subject to vaccine availability   + those aged 50 to 64 years old not in clinical risk groups (including those who turn 50 by 31.03.23) with providers asked to start vaccinating this age group from 15.10.22. * **Amendment to 2022/23 flu vaccination reimbursement guidance** to reflect changes (21.07.22): <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/annual-seasonal-flu-vaccination-programme-and-reimbursement-guidance/> * **Vaccine ordering:**   + No National stockpile for 2022/23; Please check you’ve ordered enough vaccines to vaccinate all cohorts.   + Please check you’ve ordered the recommended reimbursable vaccines. * **Patient Group Directions (PGDs)** (18 & 31.08.22) * It has been brought to our attention that there has been an omission of information for the 50-64 at risk patients in the inactivated flu PGD issued earlier this month. UKHSA have now re-issued this PGD, therefore, please find embedded version 11:00a of the inactivated influenza PGD for our region effective from 01.09.22. This now includes the 50-64 year at risk cohort. **Any previous versions should be archived in line with NHS records policy as outlined on the front page of each document.** * **These PGDs should be shared with all relevant personnel.  If you have questions about these PGDs, please direct them to the Immunisation Clinical Advice Service (ICAS) East** (Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire) [**england.emids-imms@nhs.net**](mailto:england.emids-imms@nhs.net)      * **Training:**    + Training recommendations (12.08.22)   + e-Learning for Healthcare (e-LFH) flu training modules x3 (Core; Inactivated & LAIV): <https://www.e-lfh.org.uk/programmes/flu-immunisation/> (05.08.22)   + Training slide-set (10.08.22)   + RCN Immunisation competencies revised (22.02.22): [www.rcn.org.uk/professional-development/publications/immunisation-knowledge-and-skills-competence-assessment-tool-uk-pub-010-074](http://www.rcn.org.uk/professional-development/publications/immunisation-knowledge-and-skills-competence-assessment-tool-uk-pub-010-074) * **Annual flu programme webpage:** <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/annual-flu-programme>   + Influenza vaccines marketed in UK for 2022/23 including ovalbumin content (14.04.22)   + Letter templates for GP practices to invite children aged 2 & 3 years & at-risk patients & carers for 2022/23 (25.05.22)   + Flu vaccination guidance & resources for schools (12.07.22)   + Flu vaccination guidance & resources for parents & carers (26.07.22)   + Flu vaccination guidance for early years settings including child minders (26.07.22)   + Healthcare practitioner's guidance (10.08.22)   + National protocol for inactivated influenza vaccine (25.08.22)   + Easy-read flu vaccination resources (02.09.22)   + Simple text information for adults & children (02.09.22)   + Poster (due September) * **PHE Campaign Resource Centre:** <https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/> * **UKHSA Health Publications:** <https://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/Home.html> * **NIVS helpdesk/guidance:**    + [NIVS@england.nhs.uk](mailto:NIVS@england.nhs.uk) 0121 611 0187   + <https://www.ardengemcsu.nhs.uk/media/2232/national-immunisation-and-vaccination-system-nivs-user-guide-v6.pdf> * **NIMS helpdesk/guidance:**    + [NIMSsupport@systemc.com](mailto:NIMSsupport@systemc.com)   + [National Immunisation Management System (NIMS) - NIMS Web App | Rise 360 (articulate.com)](https://rise.articulate.com/share/Uz9wI1FJI4xnT3E8OeTCQtYr7A2LP-6-#/lessons/d18fdJjL5sHVc2Ie5UXrrP8ID1zS4uMV)   + [NIMS Web App Set Up and Support - National Immunisation Management System (NIMS) | Rise 360 (articulate.com)](https://rise.articulate.com/share/Uz9wI1FJI4xnT3E8OeTCQtYr7A2LP-6-#/lessons/b_FgAtwKSgmMMmNM_cgJRAtTc-bqTJu2) * **ImmForm:**   + Healthcare Worker Flu & Covid-19 Vaccine Uptake Surveys submission deadlines for 2022-23: <https://portal.immform.phe.gov.uk/DataCollections/DataCollections/Current-Surveys/Flu-Data-Collections/News/Seasonal-Flu-Frontline-Healthcare-Workers-(HCWs)-V.aspx>   + Flu (GP Patients) & Flu Childhood (GP Patients) vaccine uptake 2022-23) submission deadlines: <https://portal.immform.phe.gov.uk/DataCollections/DataCollections/Current-Surveys/Flu-Data-Collections/News/Seasonal-Flu-(GP-Patients)-Vaccine-Uptake-Surveys.aspx> |
| **Cohort and Provider Information for Childrens Flu Programme and Child and Adolescent Immunistion Programmes**   * Please see table below which sets out this information in preparation for the new academic year from 1st September 2022: A copy of this has been sent out to all Practices. |
| **PATIENT GROUP DIRECTIONS (PGDs)**   * The following PGDs have recently been revised and copies sent out to all providers. Please ensure you are working in line with the most recent version of these PGDs and ensure that all previous versions are archived in line with NHS records policy as outlined on the front page of each document.      * PGDs are available via the following links:   + Derbyshire: [Patient Group Directions (derbyshiremedicinesmanagement.nhs.uk)](http://www.derbyshiremedicinesmanagement.nhs.uk/medicines-management/clinical-guidelines/patient_group_directions)   + Nottinghamshire: [Patient Group Directions (PGDs) (nottinghamshiremedicinesmanagement.nhs.uk)](https://www.nottinghamshiremedicinesmanagement.nhs.uk/policies-and-documents/medicines-management-policies/patient-group-directions-pgds/) |
| **BMJ - Use of Google Translate in medical communication: evaluation of accuracy**   * Please see information below that was published in the BMJ regarding the accuracy of Google Translate for medical appointments: [Use of Google Translate in medical communication: evaluation of accuracy | The BMJ](https://www.bmj.com/content/349/bmj.g7392#:~:text=Conclusion,when%20language%20is%20a%20barrier.) * **‘Google Translate has only 57.7% accuracy when used for medical phrase translations and should not be trusted for important medical communications.** However, it still remains the most easily available and free initial mode of communication between a doctor and patient when language is a barrier.’ |
| **COVID VACCINATION SUPPORT BULLETIN**   * Issue 36 of the NHSE Midlands COVID Vaccination Support Bulletin is embedded below for information. |
| **REPUBLISHED VACCINE INCIDENT GUIDANCE**   * Please see below the link to the republished vaccine incident guidance (6/7/2022) for information: [Republished vaccine incident guidance](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1088780/UKHSA-vaccine-incident-guidance-6-july-2022.pdf) |
| **IMMUNISATION QUERIES**   * Please note as previously advised all clinical immunisation queries should be directed to the Screening & Immunisation Team via the East Midlands Immunisation Clinical Advice Service. The email address for this service is: [**england.emids-imms@nhs.net**](mailto:england.imms@nhs.net) * **Please do not send any immunisation queries to the SCRIMMS (**[**ENGLAND.SCRIMMS@nhs.net**](mailto:ENGLAND.SCRIMMS@nhs.net)**) inbox as this is no longer in use for this purpose.** |
| **PRIMARY IMMUNISATIONS AND ASSESSMENT**   * **The 6-to-8-week baby check by a GP is not required as part of the assessment for giving primary immunisations**. The 8 week primary immunisations should never be delayed because of waiting for this examination. Delaying primary infant immunisations beyond 8 weeks risks leaving babies unprotected against serious infections that can be very severe in the very young, such as whooping cough. * For additional information about the UK immunisation schedule, please refer to Chapter 11 of The Green Book: <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1060682/Greenbook-chapter-11-11Mar22.pdf> |
| **COVID-19 GUIDANCE**   * **COVID-19: guidance for health professionals is available here:**   <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/wuhan-novel-coronavirus>   * **Documents relating to COVID-19 vaccination programme:** [**https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/covid-19-vaccination-programme**](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/covid-19-vaccination-programme) * **Covid vaccine enquiries/incidents should continue to be forwarded to your local System Vaccines Operation Centre (SVOC) & to the Midlands Covid PMO inbox marked FAO CARS:** [england.midscovid19vacs.pmo2@nhs.net](mailto:england.midscovid19vacs.pmo@nhs.net)   + Derby & Derbyshire SVOC: [ddicb.voc@nhs.net](mailto:ddccg.voc@nhs.net)   + Nottingham & Nottinghamshire SVOC: [nnccg.nottssvoc@nhs.net](mailto:nnccg.nottssvoc@nhs.net) |

**Screening Information**

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| **CERVICAL SCREENING**  **Cervical Screening Request Forms – Open Exeter forms must be used**   * Many thanks to all our service users who now use the pre-populated Open Exeter request forms to request cervical screening tests. For those locations / sample takers still not using these required forms, please see the last page of this newsletter for information and help to make the switch.   **Open Exeter downtime**   * On the occasions when Open Exeter might not be available, such as during upgrades and routine maintenance, sample takers are required to use a blank Open Exeter form which can be found at <https://nww.openexeter.nhs.uk/nhsia/servlet/HMR101Generator?form_type=blank&type=A5_2009>   **Sample taker codes / database registration**   * Sample taker codes should ideally be printed onto the request forms, but if added by hand must be clearly written. * Sample takers MUST be registered on the Derby Laboratory sample taker database BEFORE starting to take samples. An increasing number of requests are being received from sample takers who are registered on another laboratory database but not on the Derby one. There is no national database for sample takers, so practice managers and individuals need to ensure that a sample taker who is new to practice is registered on the Derby database before taking samples, to avoid delays to results and potential rejection of samples. * Enquiries regarding sample taker registrations should be sent to [uhdb.cytologystdatabase@nhs.net](mailto:uhdb.cytologystdatabase@nhs.net)   **Hysterectomy / vault samples**   * You will no doubt be aware that a national audit is being undertaken by CSAS (call & recall) to identify screening participants who might have been incorrectly ceased from the programme. * Individuals who have had a total hysterectomy can be ceased via a PNL for reason of ‘no cervix’, but if a cervix remains intact following a sub-total hysterectomy, then screening should not be ceased. **Sample takers must indicate clearly on the request form if a sample taken is a vault sample** (i.e., no cervix present) or whether a cervix is present and has been visualized and sampled. * Any queries regarding ceasing should be sent to CSAS [www.csas.nhs.uk](http://www.csas.nhs.uk)   **Follow-up of CIN1**   * All sample takers need to be aware of the follow-up protocol for individuals who have been to Colposcopy and had CIN1 diagnosed on biopsy or Colposcopy:   + A repeat screening test is taken at 12 months – if HPV positive / cytology negative, another 12-month repeat is advised   + If this second follow-up test is also HPV positive / cytology negative, then a 36-month repeat is advised. * Several calls have been taken by the laboratory regarding this and sample takers are asked to refer to the national protocols [Appendix\_2\_colposcopy\_management.pdf (publishing.service.gov.uk)](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/789636/Appendix_2_colposcopy_management.pdf)   Sample takers NOT yet using Open Exeter for cytology request forms – please read   * A system called Chronoscan has been implemented by the cervical screening laboratory which relies on **pre-populated Open Exeter request forms** being used and scans them directly into the laboratory IT system, avoiding the need for manual data entry of information and reducing errors. * ALL sample takers are therefore required to use pre-populated Open Exeter request forms with immediate effect. Sample takers NOT USING pre-populated Open Exeter request forms are now being identified from the laboratory error log and regular reports are being provided to local Screening & Immunisation Teams and Integrated Care Board. The ICB’s will work with individuals and locations to support them to make the necessary changes. The guide below should help address any issues you might have with this.   **Access to Open Exeter to use pre-populated HMR101 forms**  **Setting up a new user**   * The Primary user for your organisation can create an account within Open Exeter for other members of staff. * Once the new user account is created, Open Exeter generates an email to PSCE, notifying of a new user. PCSE will authorise the new user and issue them with a password.   **Requesting a new Primary user**   * Each organisation using Open Exeter should have a primary user, who manages user access for other members of staff, for example, a practice manager for a GP Surgery. * The Primary User can add, amend and delete users and reset passwords. A Primary User is also known as a Primary Contact. * Organisations with a Primary User already set up find this to be the quickest and easiest way to manage access control, including password resets, and have two Primary User accounts to support this.   **Check your Primary User**  You can easily check if you are already the Primary User:   * Log in to Open Exeter * Click on the drop-down menu under ‘Application’ * If you already have access to set up new users and to reset passwords of existing users then ‘Organisation Maintenance’ will be one of the applications listed * If you do not have the 'Organisation Maintenance' option under the 'Application' drop down menu, **or your organisation does not yet have / needs a new or additional Primary User**, you can download and complete the appropriate form below: <https://pcse.england.nhs.uk/media/1307/data_user_certification_request_form_for_access_to_open_exeter_-gp_practice.pdf> * Email your completed form to [pcse.openexeter@nhs.net](mailto:pcse.openexeter@nhs.net) * Further information about using Open Exeter for cervical screening purposes can be found at: [Screening Access - Primary Care Support England](https://pcse.england.nhs.uk/services/open-exeter/screening-access/)   **Cervical Screening Administration Services (CSAS)**  **Prior Notification Lists - Reminder**   * Prior Notification Lists (PNL) which identify women who are due to be invited for cervical screening are an essential part of the call/recall programme and should be completed by GP practices each week to ensure that women are invited for screening at the appropriate time. * The lists can be viewed on Open Exeter 10 weeks before a woman’s next test due date. This allows GP practices four weeks to check their lists and submit a response. An email advising practices that the PNL is available for completion is sent to the nominated practice email address. * Please see the following link for further information [Primary Care Support · CSAS](https://www.csas.nhs.uk/support/) |

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**Alternatively, you can email the generic email account:** [**england.emids-imms@nhs.net**](mailto:england.imms@nhs.net)

* Covid vaccine enquiries/incidents should continue to be forwarded to your local System Vaccines Operation Centre (SVOC) & to the Midlands Covid PMO inbox marked FAO CARS: [england.midscovid19vacs.pmo2@nhs.net](mailto:england.midscovid19vacs.pmo@nhs.net)
  + Derby & Derbyshire SVOC: [ddicb.voc@nhs.net](mailto:ddccg.voc@nhs.net)
  + Nottingham & Nottinghamshire SVOC: [nnccg.nottssvoc@nhs.net](mailto:nnccg.nottssvoc@nhs.net)

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