

Healthy Child Programme Vaccination Schools Newsletter

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SPECIAL POINTS OF IN- TEREST:

- Our locality Healthy Child Team and Immunisation teams vaccinated 11397 year 1 and 2 primary school children with the nasal flu vaccine throughout North Yorkshire and The City of York.

- Our vaccination teams have vaccinated 2870 Year 8 girls against HPV in schools throughout North Yorkshire in 2015.

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Welcome 5-19 Childhood Immunisation Service.



Harrogate and District Foundation Trust (HDFT) are increasing the number of vaccination programmes that we are delivering in secondary schools. This is in addition to our highly successful Human Papillomavirus (HPV) programme for year 8 girls. We have already sent out correspondence and consent forms for :

- Tetanus, diphtheria and polio (teenage Booster)
- Meningitis ACWY for years 9 and 10.
- Meningitis AWCY “catch up” to year 11 students, to increase their protection against 4 strains of the disease.
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR).

See page 2 for more information about these programmes.

Tetanus Diphtheria and Polio

The teenage booster, also known as the 3-in-1 or the Td/IPV vaccine, is given as a single injection. We are now delivering this in schools to year 9 and 10 pupils to boost their protection against three separate diseases: tetanus, diphtheria and polio.

Previously teenagers would have got this vaccination at their GP surgery, and their may be some year 10's who have already had theirs and so will not need to have another one.

This vaccination will be administered at the same time as the Meningitis ACWY, but in a different arm.

Cases of meningitis and septicaemia due to Men W have been increasing in England, from 22 cases in 2009 to 117 in 2014. The increase seems to be speeding up in 2015, caused by an aggressive strain of the bug.

Meningitis ACWY

The Men ACWY vaccine protects against four different causes of meningitis and septicaemia – meningococcal (Men) A, C, W and Y diseases.

The Men ACWY vaccination programme is being delivered nationally to teenagers and first-time students.

The childhood immunisation team are aiming to vaccinate all teenagers in school years 9 to 11 before they complete school year 11. This is being done by replacing the routine teenage Men C booster given in school years 9 or 10 with the Meningitis ACWY vaccine, and by a series of catch-up campaigns targeting older teen-

agers who may have previously only had the vaccination against Meningitis C.

This will be delivered at the same session as the Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccination.

On vaccination day.....

As you can appreciate, vaccinating years 9 and 10's against all these diseases is a large task. We value the relationships that our locality Healthy Child Teams and our immunisation nurses have with the schools in which they work and that relationship has enabled us to deliver successful vaccination programmes in the past.

Your locality Healthy Child Teams will be liaising with you directly to arrange and co-ordinate your vaccinations and to agree on a format for the day that will maximize their time and number of pupils they can vaccinate. We are asking our teams to spend whole days in schools as this would cause less disruption overall (as opposed to several half days). Please agree with your team prior to the session,

how the children will be sent to the vaccination room/ hall so that the parental consent forms can be matched to the correct child easily. This may be in tutor groups or alphabetical order, for example. We also ask that members of school staff are on hand to help out during the session to support the smooth running of the day by ensuring that pupils are brought to the nurses with minimal delay and to avoid gaps other than scheduled break times.

We appreciate that this may require extra organisation and adjustments to be made to the school day, but together with the support of our schools we will deliver this important public health campaign safely and effectively.

The Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio and Meningitis ACWY vaccination programs are 8 X the size of our HPV programme!

Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)

We are now in our 9th Year of delivering the Human Papilloma Virus Vaccine in schools.

We are proud to announce that our hard working locality Healthy Child Teams have achieved 97.4% coverage of year 8 girls in the area. This puts us in the top 5 nationally.

The immunisation service will continue to deliver the Human Papilloma Virus Immunisation programme in the Spring.

We thank you for supporting our teams in making this programme so successful and ensuring that our population of teenage girls are receiving protection against Human Papilloma Virus.

Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)

The Immunisation Service are offering partially vaccinated pupils in school years 9, 10 and 11, Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) the opportunity to complete the course.

We have written to parents and guardians of this cohort of young people highlighting the importance of the Public Health England's MMR "Catch up" and letting them "opt in" to the school based programme.

Measles is highly contagious the number of cases has risen in recent years and there have been some high-profile outbreaks. For example, between November 2012 and July 2013 there was an outbreak in and around Swansea, during which more than 1,200 cases were reported.

MMR vaccine is very effective but the negative and subsequently discredited reports about the vaccine have meant that many children did not receive the vaccine or were only partially vaccinated when they were younger.

Healthy Child Teams 5-19

Together with our small but dedicated immunisation team our 5-19 Healthy Child Teams are responsible for the delivery of our school based vaccination programmes and their continued success. Due to the size of North Yorkshire, we have several locality Healthy Child Teams.

Our Healthy Child Teams, continue to deliver the Healthy Child Programme all year round, but at key vaccination periods, they may need to reprioritise their workload to meet service demand.

Preventing illness and promoting positive health are integral to the Healthy Child Programme, Consequently, we will continue to work in partnership with GP's NHS England, PHE, schools, parents and young people to deliver robust vaccination programmes alongside our core service to deliver universal and equitable health opportunities to all pupils within all NYCC run and independent schools as well as home educated and young people not in education.

For more information on Measles visit:
<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Measles/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Healthy Child Team Referrals

Your team will keep you updated on developments within the service as well as discuss other issues within your locality with termley school liaison

Referrals into the Healthy Child Team can be made via the Single Point of Contact (SPOC) at hhc-tr.5-19admin@nhs.net

Or Telephone 01423 557711

Your referral will be discussed and allocated to the most appropriate team member or discussed further with the referrer.

Thank you

The Childhood Immunisations Team and Healthy Child Team look forward to a busy and successful 2016 and would like to thank all our GP colleagues and their teams for supporting us in a very busy 2015 and appreciate your continued collaboration in the forthcoming year.

The Team

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- Childhood Immunisation Administrators
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- Specialist Community Public Health Nurses (SCPHN) previously known as School Nurse
- Health Child Nurses (HCP)
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