

Dear Parent/Carer

Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination

As part of the routine immunisation schedule, your child's HPV vaccination is now due. Please could you complete the attached consent form and return to school.

HPV (Human papillomavirus) causes around 9,000 cancers each year in the UK, most of which can be prevented by having the HPV vaccine. HPV is responsible globally for 5% of all cancers. Since the vaccine was introduced in 2008, most young people have received the vaccine. A 2021 UK study found that cervical cancer rates were reduced by almost 90% in women in their 20s in England, who were offered the vaccine aged 12-13.

Why should your child have the HPV vaccination?

- The vaccine protects against nine types of cancer caused by the HPV viruses, such as cervical cancer, some mouth and throat cancers and cancer of the anus and genital areas.
- The vaccine protects against four types of cervical cancer that cause 70% of cervical cancers and is present in 60% of head and neck cancers.
- The vaccine is more effective in preventing cancers associated with HPV if given at a younger age which is why it's offered to people aged 12-13.
- The HPV vaccine has been shown to prevent hundreds of deaths from cervical cancer every year and is expected to prevent many more as it is extended to become a gender neutral programme, covering boys and girls.

Additional information about the HPV vaccination is available at:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1059900/UKHSA-HPV-vaccination-for-all-leaflet.pdf

Please discuss this immunisation with your child and complete the consent form within one week to tell us if your child is getting the vaccine or not.

If you would like to discuss the vaccine with a nurse, require help to complete the form or wish to consent for your child to receive the vaccine after this date, please do not hesitate to contact the immunisation team on **0300 790 0597 (Essex, Southend, Thurrock)** or **0300 790 0594 (Bedford, Central Bedfordshire, Luton, Milton Keynes)**.

We will ensure this information is available in other languages or formats including braille and audio formats upon request.

Yours faithfully

Community and School Aged Immunisation Service
Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust



Additional Information:

The most common side effects of HPV vaccine are:

Swelling, redness, pain at the site of injection, mild fever, nausea and headache. These side effects should pass quickly and can be treated with paracetamol/ibuprofen if you feel your child needs it.

What is parental responsibility?

To enable the consent to be valid, one of the following criteria for parental responsibility is required:

- **Mothers:** automatic
- **Father:** if married to mother either when baby is born or marries subsequently
- **Unmarried father:** if name appears on birth certificate (since 01.12.03) or legally acquired
- **Others:** if parental responsibility is legally acquired
- **Parental Responsibility Agreement:** signed, properly witnessed and sent for registration to Principle Registry or the Family Division (High Court)
- **Residence Order:** granted by the Court

What happens if my child misses the vaccine in school?

We will contact you directly about catch-up arrangements. We offer community based catch-up opportunities.

What is anaphylaxis?

A confirmed anaphylactic reaction is a sudden, severe, potentially fatal allergic reaction. It is evidenced by sudden collapse, shock (paleness, cold hands/feet, and a change in consciousness) and sudden and severe difficulty in breathing. Less severe features such as hives, vomiting, mild wheeze, swelling of the eyes, lips, tongue (without breathing difficulty) etc., are acute allergic reactions but not anaphylaxis.

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Who is collecting the data?

Essex Partnership University Trust Immunisation Service is collecting information about your child to ensure that we have up to date health information about their health at the time that you are consenting for them to receive an immunisation. Their demographic information is used to ensure that we identify their electronic health record accurately.

What data is being collected?

We ask for basic demographic data to allow us to identify them and their health record. The information about their health is utilised by the nurses to ensure that they can confirm that the immunisation is suitable for them.

What is the legal basis for processing the data?

Section 9(2)(h) allows for the processing of your child's data for the provision of direct healthcare and the management of healthcare systems.

Will the data be shared with any third parties?

Your child's data will be shared with their general practice (GP) and with the child health information system (CHIS) which holds immunisation and screening information for all children in the UK.

How will the information be used?

We collect data on consent forms to allow us to identify a person's health record if you have consented to their immunisation and to allow the nurses to make decisions about their care based on the most up to date information about their current health.

How long will the data be stored for?

The information will be stored on their electronic health record after their vaccination; this information will then be available throughout their lifetime. Their paper records will be destroyed once they have been scanned onto their record.

What rights does the data subject have?

Data subjects have the right to request a copy of any data we request or record about them.

How can you contact us with queries or concerns about this privacy notice?

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the information that we hold about your child or have a question regarding this privacy notice, please contact our Data Protection Officer: Epunft.dpo@nhs.net Tel: 01268 407724

Or the Information Governance team: Epunft.info.gov@nhs.net

Or the Information Commissioner Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Web: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

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