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## **Policy**

The Department of Health is responsible for developing vaccination policy, based on recommendations from the Joint Committee of Vaccinations and Immunisations (JCVI), Membership of JCVI includes representatives from all Devolved Administrations.

Policy documents on vaccinations can be found on the DoH website [here](#).

## **The Green Book**

PHE Immunization against infectious diseases known as [The Green Book](#) is the definitive advice for vaccination policy.

## **[Flu vaccination programme 2024-25 \(training\)](#)**

[Flu presentation - Adult 2024.25.pptx](#)

[Flu vaccination programme - childhood presentation 2024.25.pptx](#)

[Click here for seasonal flu training for health professionals](#)

## **[E-learning](#)**

The [e-learning for health \(e-lfh\)](#) general immunisation modules provide training for many of the standards outlined in the National Minimum Standards and Core Curriculum for Immunisation Training for Registered Healthcare Practitioners:

- Immunology & Assessment
- Communicating with patients, parents and carers
- Legal Aspects & Assessment
- Vaccine Storage & Assessment

- Vaccine Administration & Assessment

Health professionals working in Health and Social Care (HSC) in Northern Ireland can access e-lfh immunisation modules with their hscni.net email address.

## [Vaccine programmes information for healthcare professionals](#)

<b>Vaccine type</b>	<b>Information for healthcare professionals</b>
<p>General professional information</p>	<p><a href="#">Green Book</a></p> <p><a href="#">Vaccination of individuals with uncertain or incomplete immunisation status</a></p> <p><a href="#">PHA immunisation resources for health professionals</a></p> <p><a href="#">Childhood immunisation programme: full details</a></p> <p><a href="#">Guidance on vaccine handling and storage in Primary Care including maintenance of the Vaccine Cold Chain</a></p> <p><a href="#">Translated immunisation invitation letters</a></p>
<p><b>Immunisations for infants (aged under 1 year) and children (aged 1-2 years)</b></p> <p>Includes: Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, hepatitis B, Hib, MMR, Men B, Men C, pneumococcal, rotavirus, BCG, influenza</p>	<p><a href="#">Childhood immunisation programme</a></p>

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<p><b>Pre-school immunisations (aged 2-4 years)</b></p> <p>Includes: Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, MMR</p>	
<p><b>Immunisations for 12-13 year olds</b></p> <p>Includes: Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, MenACWY, MMR, HPV</p>	<p><a href="#">Factsheet on MenACWY immunisation for teenagers</a></p> <p><a href="#">Factsheet on HPV vaccine for children in Year 9 and 10</a></p> <p><a href="#">HPV vaccine training slides 2019 15_8_19.pptx</a></p>
<p><b>MenACWY</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Factsheet on MenACWY immunisation for teenagers</a></p>
<p><b>Men B</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Meningitis B immunisation</a></p>
<p><b>Pertussis (whooping cough)</b></p> <p>Includes: Infants, pre-school aged children and pregnant women</p>	<p><a href="#">Pertussis (whooping cough) immunisation</a></p>
<p><b>Rotavirus</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Factsheet on rotavirus immunisation</a></p>

Targeted programmes	Information for healthcare professionals
<b>BCG (tuberculosis)</b>	
<b>Hepatitis B</b> Includes: Universal hepatitis B programme and hepatitis B vaccine for at risk babies	<a href="#">Clinical guidelines on hepatitis B</a>
<b>Influenza (flu)</b> Includes: Children, adults, pregnant women and healthcare workers	<a href="#">Flu resources for professionals</a>
<b>HPV vaccine</b> Includes: Gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men (GBMSM)	
<b>Pregnant women</b> Includes: Flu, pertussis, MMR, hepatitis B and syphilis advice	
<b>Shingles</b>	<a href="#">Factsheet on shingles vaccination</a>
<b>Splenectomy</b> Includes: MenACWY, pneumococcal, flu	<a href="#">Factsheet on splenectomy</a>

<b>Targeted programmes</b>	<b>Information for healthcare professionals</b>
<b>Travel vaccines (National Travel and Health Network, Travax)</b>	<a href="#">NATHNAC support for those providing health information to people going travelling</a> <a href="#">Travel health information from TRAVAX</a>

## **Patient Group Directives**

The PHA and Health and Social Care Board (HSCB) PGD Development Group have adapted Public Health England national PGDs for use in Northern Ireland, with their permission. They can be used to facilitate the delivery of Immunizations in HSC, in line with national recommendations.

Currently PGDs for Regional Immunisation Programmes are accessed on the HSCB Integrated Care or Trust Intranet websites.

## **Targeted programmes (COVID-19 booster, COVID-19 & Flu programme)**

[PHA Covid-19 vaccination for children training slides 27.09.24](#)

[PHA Covid vaccination training slides 27.09.24](#)

[Operational update on COVID-19 booster for 16 & 17 yr olds 2024-25](#)

[Covid-19, flu programme delivery model planning letter Autumn 2024-25](#)

## **Guidance on vaccine handling and storage in primary care**

The PHA and HSCB have jointly produced regional guidance for General Practices for safe and effective handling and storage of vaccines and is available [here](#).

## **Resources to assist health professionals in vaccination of those who have been vaccinated in another country or who's vaccinations in uncertain**

Managing incomplete immunisation histories using UKHSA algorithm [training video](#) and [presentation PHA incomplete vaccination slides](#).

[Vaccination of individuals with uncertain or incomplete immunisation status, Public Health England](#), one-page summary to help health professionals vaccinate people correctly to protect them and their families from disease.

[United Kingdom and international immunisation schedules comparison tool, Public Health England](#), to help health professionals ascertain vaccines individuals moving aboard may have received.

[Vaccine schedules in all countries of the European Union, European Centre of Disease Control](#), an interactive tool that shows vaccination schedules for EU/EEA countries.

[WHO link on vaccine programmes](#)

[Northern Ireland Health and Social Care Interpreting Service \(NIHSCIS\), Business Support Organisation](#)

[Translated immunisation invitation letters, Public Health Agency](#)

## **Measles awareness session**

**Measles Awareness Session** provides guidance and information to promote and educate around Measles, MMR and the catch-up campaign.

Measles Cases Europe [A 30-fold rise of measles cases in 2023 in the WHO European Region warrants urgent action](#)

Measles Cases Europe [Measles on the rise in the EU/EEA - 16 February 2024 \(europa.eu\)](#).

Measles cases England - [National Measles Standard Incident - measles epidemiology \(from October 2023\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Measles cases NI - [Measles | HSC Public Health Agency \(hscni.net\)](#)

## **Preschool vaccination programme factsheets and training**

[Routine childhood immunisation programme poster](#)

[Childhood immunisations: general guidance information on delivery](#)

### **PHA Immunisation training slides:**

- Hexavalent Combination Vaccine (6 in 1) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Haemophilus influenzae type B and Hepatitis B (DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB)
- Rotavirus Vaccine
- Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine
- Meningococcal B and C Vaccines
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) Vaccine
- DTaP/IPV Booster Vaccine (preschool booster)

### **PHA Health Professional factsheets:**

- Hexavalent DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB Combination Vaccine (6 in 1)
- Rotavirus Vaccine factsheet for Healthcare professionals (Immunisation)
- Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine
- Meningococcal B immunization Programme- Factsheet for Healthcare professionals
- MMR Vaccine advice
- DTaP/IPV Booster Vaccines (preschool booster)

## **RSV vaccination (publications and training materials)**

## **Training materials:**

- [RSV vaccination training slides maternal programme for infant protection 08.2024](#)
- [RSV vaccination training slides adult programme 08.24](#)

## **RSV publications:**

- [Your guide to the RSV vaccine for older adults | HSC Public Health Agency \(hscni.net\)](#)
- [Protect your baby from RSV bronchiolitis with your RSV vaccine from week 28 of your pregnancy | HSC Public Health Agency \(hscni.net\)](#)

## **Standards and core curriculum for immunisation training**

The [National Minimum Standards and Core Curriculum for Immunisation Training for Registered Healthcare Practitioners](#), February 2018, provide minimum standards and the core curriculum for health professionals requiring training in vaccinations.

Immunisation documents previously published by the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) have now been incorporated into this document. The Public Health Agency endorses the advice and recommendations provided.

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