

Pertussis vaccine during pregnancy

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Michelle Harrison, Consultant Midwife at the PHA talks about the importance of vaccination for pregnant women.

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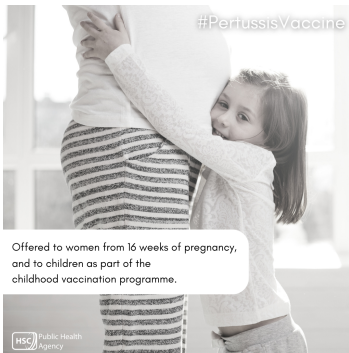


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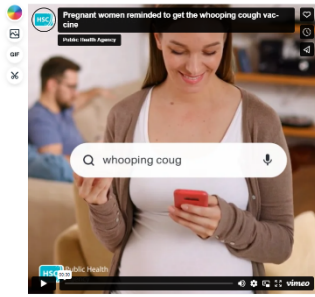


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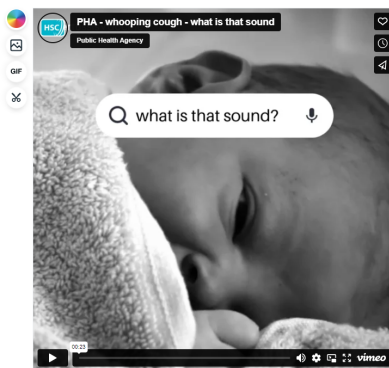


Pregnant women reminded to get the whooping cough vaccine

The PHA is reminding pregnant women to get the whooping cough (pertussis) vaccine between 16 and 32 weeks of their pregnancy. The majority of children who are reported as having whooping cough are infants under six months of age so are too young to be protected by their routine childhood immunisations which are given at two, three, and four months of age. They can however be protected by their mother receiving the vaccination during pregnancy.

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