



HPV Vaccination Programme

A message for parents from the Health Protection Agency

Following the death of Natalie Morton, the 14 year old school girl who died shortly after receiving her HPV vaccination, a decision was taken to postpone some clinics until information about the cause of her death became available.

On 1 October 2009, the pathologist confirmed Natalie died from a large malignant tumour of unknown origin in her heart and lungs. The pathologist also confirmed that there is no indication that the HPV vaccine which she had received was a contributing factor to her sudden death.

We hope that this news will reassure parents that the vaccine is safe and that they should continue to encourage their daughters to be protected against cervical cancer.

The HPV vaccination programme will now continue as scheduled across Leicester and we would ask for your continued support in the delivery of this important protection programme.

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