



December 2017

Dear Young Person and Parent / Carer

Teenage booster and meningitis vaccinations programme for young people

As part of the national vaccination programme, Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust's Community Immunisation Service would like to offer all young people in school year 9 (aged 13 to 14 years) their teenage booster and meningitis vaccinations in school. These routine vaccinations ensure continued protection against tetanus, diphtheria, polio (Td/IPV) and provide protection against meningitis ACWY.

Enclosed is a leaflet with further information about the vaccination. For information about the national vaccination programme, visit: www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations

You will need to fully complete the enclosed consent form and return it to school using the envelope provided, within one week of receiving it.

Forms not fully completed may result in the vaccination not being given.

The vaccinations are given as two injections in the upper arm. The vaccines used in the teenage booster and meningitis vaccination programme do not contain gelatine or alcohol.

Young people can find out more about these vaccinations and other health issues by visiting: www.healthforteens.co.uk/health/immunisation

You will be informed of the vaccination date by your school. These dates are also available on our website, visit: www.leicspart.nhs.uk/communityimms

Where young people are absent, the team will revisit schools and will offer additional opportunities for vaccination. Please note this vaccine will not be routinely offered by your GP.

If you have had a tetanus, diphtheria and polio (Td/IPV) vaccination in the past 5 years you may not need this vaccination until a later date but may still need to have the meningitis vaccination. Each young person will be assessed to confirm their suitability. If girls are also due to have an HPV vaccine these vaccinations may be offered at the same time and it would not be harmful to have all three.

For further information see the Patient Information Leaflet (PIL):

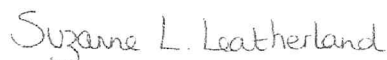
- for the teenage booster vaccine, visit: www.medicines.org.uk/emc/medicine/17378
- for the meningitis ACWY vaccine (either can be used)
 - for Nimenrix visit: www.medicines.org.uk/emc/medicine/26513 and
 - for Menveo visit: www.medicines.org.uk/emc/medicine/27358

Should you have any questions you can contact the team, by telephone: 0300 300 0007, or by e-mail: communityimms@leicspart.nhs.uk, for further information visit: www.leicspart.nhs.uk/communityimms

Yours faithfully,



Dr Tim Davies
Consultant Lead for Screening and
Immunisation
NHS England – Central Midlands



Suzanne Leatherland
Immunisation Service Manager
Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust

NHS Choices website allows information to be translated into the following languages:

Arabic, Bengali, Czech, Farsi, French, Greek, Gujarati, Italian, Kurdish, Pashto, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Somali, Spanish, Tamil, Turkish and Vietnamese.

NOTES ON COMPLETING THE CONSENT FORM

Please discuss and complete the form fully with the young person using BLOCK CAPITALS using black or blue ink.

PART 1: Patient Information and Contact Details

Young Person's NHS number: If you are registered with a GP practice you will already have this number. It is a 10 digit number which is unique to every individual and can be found on their medical card. It can also be found on any letter from the NHS, any prescription and on every child's red book – "my personal child health record".

PART 2: Consent Declaration

We would encourage the young person and parent / carer to discuss and share information about the vaccine to achieve a joint decision regarding consent.

Parents should complete the first section of the consent box, signing to give consent to the vaccinations. The young person should complete the second section of the consent box, signing to give consent to the vaccinations.

Health professionals will consider and assess the young person's ability to make an informed decision and provide consent for themselves to have these vaccinations without a joint decision.

Sharing information with your GP: After our team has vaccinated the young person at their school we will let your GP know so that they can update their health record.