**Yorkshire and the Humber Screening and Immunisation Team Update**

**W/C 11th November 2019**

**Please cascade to ALL staff, including GPs, Practice Nurses and Reception Staff**

**Immunisation Information**

* Seasonal Flu - For Information/Action

Childhood programme – Vaccine supply

As you will be aware there has been an interruption with the supply of LAIV to PHE vaccines supply team due to a manufacturing issue. All relevant information (briefing note and letter of explanation) was sent to practices via YH contracts (8.11.19). Whilst ordering for school aged immunisation providers has been temporarily suspended, General Practices are reminded that they remain able to order up to 30% of their eligible cohort. Inactivated flu vaccine for children - The injectable vaccine (Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine (split virion, inactivated)) remains available to order. This vaccine currently has an order cap of 20 doses per week – full details can be found on ImmForm.

We are working with school flu immunisation providers to ascertain the impact which may lead to an increased demand on primary care from those children in at risk groups. The NHS choices website has also been updated with information about the delay and what action parents should take <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/>. Also enclosed (also previously circulated) is the letter regarding sharing of vaccine (QIV and LAIV)



**The LAIV supply issue is now improving, ordering caps for GPs have been increased and ordering has re-opened for school providers. Further updates are imminent.**

Offering QIV under the PGD in place of LAIV

A number of nurses have raised concerns re: being able to use the PGD to offer QIV as an alternative to LAIV to patients in at risk groups where supplies of LAIV are not available. This was discussed with the national team on a national telecom on 8th November, where it was confirmed:

* + The permissive phrase ‘**where possible’** is used in the PGD (patient group directive) therefore, **it is acceptable to administer QIVe as an alternative to those who are at risk**.
* Ordering of PHE leaflets – all programmes - For Information

The cost of downloading and printing patient information leaflets can be quite high, practices are reminded that all leaflets can be order free of charge (delivery 3-5 working days).

<https://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/Home.html>

<https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns>

* 6/52 Check and First Immunisations – For Action

We are aware that some practices have been delaying administration of the first (8 week) immunisations until after the 6/52 NIPE check has been completed. Practitioners are reminded that this practice should **not** be followed. Advice in [Chapter 11](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/831680/Greenbook_chapter_11_UK_Immunisation_schedule.pdf) of the green book states:

*Delaying primary infant immunisations beyond eight weeks, risks leaving babies*

*unprotected against serious infections that can be very severe in the very young, e.g.*

*whooping cough. It is not necessary to wait for the six to eight week baby examination to be carried out to give the eight week primary immunisations.*

* Immunisation: babies up to 13 months of age – For information

The [Immunisations: babies up to 13 months of age](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-guide-to-immunisations-for-babies-up-to-13-months-of-age?utm_source=e368bf6d-e0f6-47e3-8b29-94c3f0debffc&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=weekly) has been updated in line with Autumn 2019 schedule.

* Immunisation: resources for schools – For Information

Promotional materials for GP practices, nursery settings, primary and secondary schools. These posters/leaflets and postcards are aimed at parents and carers to remind them to check that their child is up to date with their vaccinations before starting or returning to school. These [resources](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immunisations-resources-for-schools?utm_source=46db9ac3-4a67-4be0-ace7-2e95f79a3aeb&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=weekly) are suitable for all GP practices, schools and nursery settings and are available to order.

* Green book update: Chapter 21 Measles – For Information

Updated to include epidemiology data, viral rash in pregnancy and measles prophylaxis content. [Measles: Green Book Chapter 21](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/measles-the-green-book-chapter-21?utm_source=74fa7d2f-933b-4937-b19c-d3ab71e5d37e&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=weekly)

* Vaccine update: issue 300, October 2019, bug special edition – For Information

[Vaccine update: issue 300, October 2019, bug special edition](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vaccine-update-issue-300-october-2019-bug-special-edition?utm_source=6341fbf1-577d-4bfc-8264-71ca71729edf&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=weekly) includes latest developments in vaccines, vaccination policies and procedures for immunisation practitioners

* Managing cold chain incidents and reducing vaccine wastage – For Information/Action

The new publication of the PHE **Vaccine incident guidance** can be found [here](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/833415/PHE_vaccine_incident_guidance.pdf) and provides information which may help reduce unnecessary wastage of vaccines.

**Chapter 6** *Principles of managing vaccine storage incidents and interruption of the cold chain* contains important updated information regarding the use of vaccines that have deviated from the cold chain:

***6.5*** *Issues for vaccines exposed to temperatures above the manufacturer’s recommended storage conditions (for example, over 8°C)*

***6.6*** *Vaccines exposed to temperatures between 0°C and +2°C*

***6.7*** *Issues to consider for vaccines exposed to temperatures below 0°C*

**Chapter 7** provides information about governance around using affected vaccines:

***7.3*** *Using vaccines that have been temporarily stored outside the manufacturer’s recommended temperature range*

***7.4*** *Supply of cold chain breached vaccine under a Patient Group Direction (PGD)*

Some newly published PGDs contain stability data which provide information about the temperature range and timescale at which the vaccine may remain stable. The spreadsheet below details which PGDs have published this information at the present time.



All PGDs can be found at the following [here](https://www.england.nhs.uk/north-east-yorkshire/our-work/information-for-professionals/pgds/)

A reminder that all PGDs should be read and signed by the practitioner working under it.

* Prison request for the GP summary of new patients entering custody For Action

Primary Care colleagues you will have been sent requests from healthcare teams in prison settings to provide information regarding new patients entering custody. The Screening & Immunisation Team has been working with our colleagues in Health & Justice settings to ensure they have good information to help them manage their patients whilst within these settings. We have asked for vaccination/immunisation status to be added to the summary request they send to you in primary care. Please take the time to fill these in these requests and in addition provide the detail required about the vaccination/immunisation history.

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