

Meningococcal ACWY Vaccination Programme in London

Action Card for GPs

- An enhanced service has been offered to all GPs in England to deliver Meningococcal ACWY vaccination in 2015/16.
<http://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2015/06/menacwy-service-specification.pdf>
- Practices can sign up to provide this service by emailing immunisation-submissions.london@nhs.net by 31st August 2015. Please put 'Sign up to MEN ACWY programme' in the email subject line and include your practice name, practice code and CCG area.
- A revised chapter on meningococcal disease will shortly be available in the Green Book.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/immunisation-against-infectious-disease-the-green-book>
- All documents relating to this programme can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/meningococcal-acwy-menacwy-vaccination-programme>. This includes training slides for health professionals.
- The vaccination of current school year 13 aged young people (ie DOB 01/09/1996 – 31/08/1997) should begin as soon as is practicably possible in general practice from 1 August 2015, preferably before the start of the 2015/16 academic year (usually early September), and continue through to 31 March 2016.
- Call/recall should be done on the basis of age. Vaccination is for all young people in the cohort and not limited to those continuing in further education. A template letter is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/menacwy-gp-invitation-letter-template>
- Additionally, general practice should now offer the MenACWY conjugate vaccine in place of the MenC vaccine on an opportunistic basis to older first-time university entrants (up to 25 years) for the existing 'freshers' programme.

- Meningococcal ACWY vaccine can be ordered through ImmForm. <https://portal.immform.dh.gov.uk/Logon.aspx?returnurl=%2f>. Ordering restrictions are in place. Please do not stockpile vaccines or over order.
- A nationally authorised PGD template has been developed by Public Health England and signed off by NHS England (London). This will be available at: <http://www.england.nhs.uk/london/immunis-team/> (it is anticipated that this will be available from 31st July, 2015). Nurses must download the NHS England PGD and be properly authorised to use it.
- An automated ImmForm survey for the priority catch-up cohort of current year 13 students being offered vaccination through general practice will be implemented. The survey will collect monthly vaccine coverage estimates for those born between 1/9/1996 and 31/8/1997.
- NHS England intends to support the calculation of payments for meningococcal ACWY vaccination using the Calculating Quality Reporting Service (CQRS) to minimise the reporting requirements for GP practices. The service will be on the CQRS system (in August) for practices to manually enter their data in September. Payments can then be processed in September (depending on local payment agencies) for August data.
- Information leaflets/posters and other resources can be ordered through the DH/PHE publications order line.