

After clean water, vaccination is the most effective public health intervention in the world for saving lives and promoting good health.

The childhood vaccination programme has been a tremendous success in Northern Ireland over recent years. Our uptake rates are at an all-time high and Northern Ireland has uptake rates well above the UK average.

This is a tremendous tribute to GPs and all their staff, health visitors and everyone else involved in the vaccination programme who have worked so hard to achieve this.

The seasonal flu vaccine programme is also very successful, with Northern Ireland achieving the highest uptake in the UK.

The areas covered by the vaccination team include childhood vaccines, influenza vaccines, travel vaccines, occupational health vaccines, and the surveillance and control of vaccine preventable diseases.

Annual reports

Click [here](#) to view the Annual Immunisation and Vaccine Preventable Diseases Reports.

Key areas of ongoing work

- Maintaining and improving high uptake of the childhood vaccines particularly targeting areas / groups with comparatively low uptake
- Training of health professionals and students in vaccination programmes
- Introducing new vaccine programme updates
- Managing the flu vaccine programme to achieve target uptake rates
- Building on recently introduced HPV vaccine programme
- Screening health care workers for measles immunity and vaccinating those not immune
- Providing advice to health professionals through the duty room
- Responding to cases of vaccine preventable diseases

HPV vaccine for men who have sex with men (MSM)

The human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is offered to all eligible men who have sex with men (MSM) attending GUM and/or HIV clinics across Northern Ireland. Most of the clinics began offering the HPV vaccine during October 2016 and all clinics have been offering the vaccine since January 2017.

This is in line with advice from the [Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation \(JCVI\)](#), which recommends a targeted vaccination programme for MSM aged up to 45 who attend GUM and HIV clinics.

Studies have shown that MSM aged up to 45 years who attend GUM or HIV clinics are at greater risk of HPV-associated cancers and genital warts. The HPV vaccine helps prevent infection that can cause genital warts and HPV-associated cancers. Vaccination is especially important for MSM who have multiple sexual partners.

[Download the information leaflet here.](#)

Flu training for health professionals

[Click here for flu training for health professionals](#)

Publications

Vaccine type	Information for public	Information for healthcare professionals
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General professional information

Immunisations for infants (aged under 1 year) and children (aged 1-2 years)

Includes: Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, hepatitis B, Hib, MMR, Men B, Men C, pneumococcal, rotavirus, BCG, influenza

[Green Book](#)

[Vaccination of individuals with uncertain or incomplete immunisation status](#)

[PHA immunisation resources for health professionals](#)

[Childhood immunisation programme: full details](#)

[Guidance on vaccine handling and storage in Primary Care including maintenance of the Vaccine Cold Chain](#)

[Translated immunisation invitation letters](#)

[PHA resources on immunisations for children aged between two months and two years](#)

[Childhood immunisation programme](#)

Pre-school immunisations
(aged 2–4 years)

Includes: Diphtheria,
tetanus, pertussis, polio, MMR

[PHA resources on
immunisations for pre-
school children](#)

Immunisations for 12–18
year olds

Includes: Diphtheria,
tetanus, pertussis, polio,
MenACWY, MMR, HPV

[PHA resources on
immunisations for
teenagers](#)

[PHA resources on HPV
vaccine for children in
Year 9 and 10](#)

[Factsheet on MenACWY
immunisation for teenagers](#)

[Factsheet on HPV vaccine
for children in Year 9 and
10](#)

[HPV vaccine training slides
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MenACWY

[PHA resources on
immunisation against
meningitis A, C, W and Y](#)

[Factsheet on MenACWY
immunisation for teenagers](#)

Men B

[PHA resources on
immunisation against
meningitis B](#)

[Meningitis B immunisation](#)

Pertussis (whooping cough)

Includes: Infants, pre-school
aged children and pregnant
women

[PHA resources on
immunisation against
pertussis \(whooping
cough\)](#)

[Pertussis \(whooping
cough\) immunisation](#)

Rotavirus

[PHA resources on
immunisation against
rotavirus](#)

[Factsheet on rotavirus
immunisation](#)

Targeted programmes	Information for public	Information for healthcare professionals
BCG (tuberculosis)	PHA resources on immunisation against tuberculosis (TB)	
Hepatitis B	PHA resources on immunisation against hepatitis B	Clinical guidelines on hepatitis B
Includes: Universal hepatitis B programme and hepatitis B vaccine for at risk babies		
Influenza (flu)	PHA resources on flu vaccination	Flu resources for professionals
Includes: Children, adults, pregnant women and healthcare workers		
HPV vaccine	PHA resources on HPV vaccine for men who have sex with men (MSM)	
Includes: Men who have sex with men (MSM)		
Pregnant women	PHA resources on immunisations for pregnant women	
Includes: Flu, pertussis, MMR, hepatitis B and syphilis advice		
Shingles	PHA resources on shingles vaccination for older people	Factsheet on shingles vaccination

Splenectomy

Includes: MenACWY,
pneumococcal, flu

[PHA resources on
splenectomy](#)

[Factsheet on splenectomy](#)

Travel vaccines (National
Travel and Health Network,
Travax)

[NHS advice on travel
vaccinations](#)

[NATHNAC support for those
providing health
information to people going
travelling](#)

[Travel health information
from TRAVAX](#)

Key links

[Measles](#)

[Meningococcal disease](#)

[Pertussis](#)

[Rubella](#)

[Pneumococcal disease](#)

[HIB](#)

Influenza:

[Health professionals](#)

[General public](#)

[General vaccination](#)

[Green Book](#)

Travel vaccines sites:

[NaTHNaC](#)

[Travax](#)

Other Resources:

[PHA immunisation training slides](#)

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[Immunisation leaflets \(Northern Ireland\)](#)

[Vaccination surveillance data](#)

[NOIDS surveillance data](#)

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