

URGENT, TIME-LIMITED MENINGOCOCCAL B (MENB) VACCINATION PROGRAMME

This newsletter relates to GP practice and HSC Trusts only. For information relating to Community Pharmacy - please refer to the separate SPPG CPVS produced communication.

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MenB programme - Eligibility

An urgent, time-limited Meningococcal B (MenB) vaccination programme for the following cohorts: commencing 31st July 2026:

- All individuals born between 2 July 2007 and 1 July 2008 inclusive (the 2025/26 Year 14 cohort); and
- Those aged up to and including 25 years of age (between 21 July and 31 December 2026) who will be attending Higher Education or a Residential Further Education (HERFE) Institution in the UK or Ireland for the first time in Autumn 2026 (including international students).

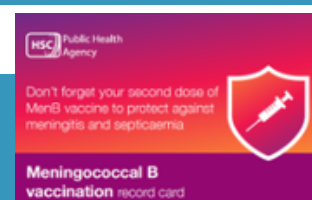
Ensure to fill in the MenB vaccination record card and encourage participants to set calendar reminder alert on their smartphone device to get their 2nd dose of MenB, 4 weeks after their first dose.

MenB Programme

Following the unprecedented MenB outbreak primarily among University of Kent students in March 2026, the Minister has approved an urgent programme to offer MenB vaccination to those considered at highest risk, with the aim of vaccinating individuals before the start of the 2026/2027 academic year and the peak season for MenB in the autumn.

Sessional vaccinators

A small pool of Sessional Vaccinators, employed by the Public Health Agency, are available to support GPs and Community Pharmacy with administration of the MenB programme urgent campaign. Further information on this workforce and requests for support can be raised by contacting the PHA at: PHAVaccinesitrep@hscni.net



Resources and Useful links

MenB Vaccines ordering and use

Available vaccine: Bexsero® (GSK) also referred to as 4CMenB vaccine Summary of Product Characteristics see SmPC.

- **Ordering process** - GPs and Trusts: vaccine stock should be ordered through the usual vaccine ordering procedures. Vaccine to be ordered BEXSERO-10-ADOLESC 10

Do not order more than TWO weeks of vaccine stock in advance. Further details below

****Please note, there will be no change to the ordering code of Bexsero for the childhood programme.****

Storage requirements: Bexsero vaccine must be stored in a vaccine refrigerator between +2°C and +8°C. For any cold-chain breaches - refer to the SPPG/PHA guidance on vaccine storage and handling in GP practices.

MenB Vaccine ordering (GP and Trust)

To support future analysis of this programme, accurate data will be needed on how many packs of Bexsero vaccine have been supplied for administration in this programme. To help maintain data accuracy, when ordering Bexsero vaccine for the adolescent programme, customers should place orders for the new product that has been made available for this programme. The two options will now be:



Packs will contain ten pre-filled syringes of vaccine and one patient information leaflet (PIL). Each ten-dose pack of Bexsero vaccine is supplied with a pad of ten additional PILs.

GP practices should source needles in the same manner as they would for the infant programme.

Accordingly, while vaccines should be ordered against the correct programme specific product description line, strict physical separation of stock may not always be feasible. Practices should manage stock appropriately and seek to maintain a reasonable balance between programme allocations to support ongoing vaccine delivery across all eligible cohorts. PHA know that whether in error or to avoid cancelling clinics, Bexsero vaccine that has been ordered for one programme may have been used to vaccinate in another. If this occurs, practices should place a future order for the correct product and use the vaccine supplied to backfill what was used. Permission is not required to do this and only applies for the MenB vaccine.

All resources are available at:

Information for healthcare and other professionals | HSC Public Health Agency.

Public Facing Leaflets and Communication Resources

leaflets, posters and vaccine card

[MenB campaign poster](#), [MenB campaign leaflet](#), [MenB Vaccine card](#)

[NI Direct](#)

🌐 Urgent MenB vaccination programme for adolesce...

Vaccine Knowledge Project

<https://vaccineknowledge.ox.ac.uk/>

Professional Training Resources

PHA training - <https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/services-and-teams/public-health-services/health-protection/vaccination-and-immunisation-0>

eLearning for health (elfh) NHSE: <https://portal.e-lfh.org.uk/>

- National immunisation policy and programmes
- Immunology and types of vaccine
- Vaccine preventable diseases
- Communicating with patients, parents and carers
- Legal aspects
- Vaccine storage
- Vaccine administration

Conversations to build trust in vaccination: A training module for health workers | World Health Organisation 2017

<https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/documents/publications/vaccines-and-trust.pdf>

SPPG and PHA Guidance on Vaccine Handling and Storage in GP Practices

<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/publications/guidance-vaccine-handling-and-storage-gp-practices>

Professional Reference Resources

HSS(CMO) Policy Letter

[URGENT MENB VACCINATION PROGRAMME](#)

PGD

[PGDs – Primary Care Intranet](#)

Green book chapter

[Meningococcal: the green book, chapter 22 - GOV.UK](#)

VMS recording

vms.healthandcareni.net

MenB Adolescent Programme Q and A's

[Information for Health Care Professionals](#)

PHA resources

[Information for Health Care Professionals](#)