



School Age Immunisation Service



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Dear Parent/Guardian

YOUR CHILD'S HPV VACCINATION IS NOW DUE

Girls and boys aged 12-14 in school year 8 are offered the HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) vaccination as part of the NHS childhood immunisation programme. The vaccine protects against HPV related cancers such as cervical cancer in women, penile cancer in men and throat and neck cancers in both men and women; it is offered at schools in England as a one dose course.

According to Cancer Research UK, cervical cancer is the second most common cancer in women under the age of 35. In the UK, 2900 women a year are diagnosed with cervical cancer - that is around eight women each day. It is estimated that about 400 lives could be saved every year in the UK as a result of vaccinating girls before they are infected with HPV. The number of diagnoses of genital warts in England has also fallen sharply in both girls and boys since the vaccination programme started, suggesting that boys had started to already benefit indirectly from the girls' programme through 'herd immunity' protection. Extension of the HPV programme to boys will save even more lives.

We are due to visit your child's school **on the 18th April 2024** In order to access the online consent form, please click on this link www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/HPV

You will need to enter the unique code for your child's school. The code is **DV136626**

Please submit your form **by midday on the 16th April 2024** to ensure your child receives their vaccination. If you experience any problems accessing the form, please telephone **01392 342678** and the team will be happy to help.

Please click on this link [Vaccine Update 339 June 2023 HPV Special \(govdelivery.com\)](https://www.govdelivery.com/topics/cornwall/vaccines) for more information about the HPV universal programme.

The patient information leaflet for GARDASIL 9 is able to be viewed via this link: [Gardasil 9, INN-Human Papillomavirus 9 valent Vaccine \(Recombinant, adsorbed\) \(medicines.org.uk\)](https://www.medicines.org.uk/medicines/gardasil9)

Please also note that as in previous years you must **opt-in** to the programme. If a consent form is not submitted your child might **not** be vaccinated. If you decide not to have your child vaccinated, please let us know so we can enter this on your child's medical records.

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- **Please note: Your child can self-consent to treatment if they are considered competent to do so by one of our nurses; this is known as Gillick competency. If you require any further information in this regard, please contact us. For more information please go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/consent-to-treatment/children/>**

We are trying to improve how we communicate with patients. Please tell us if you need information in a different format or communication support.

Yours faithfully

School-Age Immunisation Team
Kernow Health

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