

## Annex A

### Clinical guidance on immunisation of school-year 9 boys against human papillomavirus infection

1. This guidance is based on advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI)<sup>1</sup>, the UK's independent advisory committee of immunisation experts. Full guidance can be found in the updated chapter on human papillomavirus included in *Immunisation against infectious disease* ('the Green Book')<sup>2</sup>.
2. The vaccine will be offered to boys, in addition to girls, in school year 9 (12 – 13 year olds) as part of the school-based immunisation programme from 1 September 2019. The vaccine will be available to order in the normal way from the beginning of August 2019.
  - The first dose can be given at any time during the school year and in previous years has been given during the first school term (September to December).
  - The **minimum** time between the first and second dose should be six months (where the priming dose is received at less than 15 years of age); previously given during the third school term.
  - The **maximum** time between the first and second dose is 24 months. Boys and girls that missed HPV vaccination during Year 9 will be offered the vaccine again by the school health team during Year 10, as in previous years.
  - If the first dose is given before the age of 15 years the two-dose schedule can be followed. If the course is interrupted, it should be resumed but not repeated, even if more than 24 months have elapsed since the first dose.

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<sup>1</sup> JCVI statement: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/jcvi-statement-extending-the-hpv-vaccination-programme-conclusions>

<sup>2</sup> Green Book chapter: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/human-papillomavirus-hpv-the-green-book-chapter-18a>

- Individuals in eligible cohorts who have not had their first dose of HPV vaccine by the time they are 15 years old should be offered a three-dose schedule. This is because the antibody response in older individuals is not quite as good. The three doses should be offered on a 0, 1 and 4 - 6 month schedule.

### **Patient Group Directions**

3. An updated patient group direction template from the PHA/HSCB will be available in due course.

### **Information for parents, young people and health professionals**

4. Patient information leaflets and posters are being produced for young people and parents, to support the expansion of the vaccine programme. They will be distributed by the PHA to Trust School Health Services in due course.
5. The HPV chapter of the Green Book (*Immunisation against infectious disease*) is due to be updated in July and will be available here: [Human papillomavirus chapter of the Green Book](#)<sup>3</sup> Health Professionals should familiarize themselves with the latest version of the Green Book prior to beginning to vaccinate.
6. PHA has produced the document: “*Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Immunisation Programme: Factsheet for healthcare practitioners*” which will provide information and answers to commonly asked questions in relation to programme eligibility, scheduling and vaccine administration. The document is available on the PHA webpage.
7. The HPV vaccine information for parents and young people on the NI Direct has been updated and is available here:

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<sup>3</sup> Green Book chapter:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/human-papillomavirus-hpv-the-green-book-chapter-18a>

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/hpv-vaccine-adolescents-aged-12-13-years-old><sup>4</sup>

8. A training slide set will be made available on the PHA Immunisation webpage from July 2019.

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<sup>4</sup> Information for parents and young people:  
<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/hpv-vaccine-adolescents-aged-12-13-years-old>