



Somerset School Aged Immunisation Pathways for the 2019/20 academic year

Introduction

This information is aimed to support local practices in understanding school aged immunisations, including changes to the schedule. This information includes:

- An overview of arrangements in your local area
- A practice checklist to help understand your responsibilities
- Childhood flu pathway
- HPV pathway
- MenACWY pathway
- Td/IPV pathway
- Birth dates and year groups
- Useful links and contacts

We hope you find this information useful and clear: if you have any comments, suggestions or queries please contact the South West Screening and Immunisations Team on england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net

Overview of school aged immunisations

From September 2019 the following immunisations will be delivered by the school age immunisation provider:

- Influenza: Reception to year 6
- HPV dose 1: Year 8 girls and boys
- HPV dose 2: Year 9 girls only this year
- Men ACWY: Year 9
- Td/IPV: Year 9

GP checklist

- ☐ **Check that all data on immunisations delivered by the school age immunisation provider that has been sent to you has been uploaded onto your GP practice patient records.**
- ☐ **Check that all data on immunisations you have given in your practice has been sent to the Child Health (CHIS) team.** This includes any vaccination from the routine schedule given as a travel vaccination. If you are unsure, send it again or contact the Child Health (CHIS) team to discuss this with them.
- ☐ **You will receive a summary report of any year 10 students who have any routine immunisations outstanding.** These children will receive a letter from CHIS asking them to make an appointment with their GP practice.
- ☐ **Review how young people are invited for vaccinations at your surgery and whether this meets their needs.** Points to consider:
 - Are the sessions outside of school hours?
 - Can the young people get to your surgery for the appointments?
 - Consider evening or weekend sessions for parents to be able to attend appointments too.
 - Are you sending patient information leaflets (PILs) to ensure young people are aware of what they are being invited for?
 - Are you using text messaging reminders?
- ☐ **Make sure you are promoting school aged immunisations through leaflets, posters and through links on your website.**

Which flu vaccine should children have?

There are two types of flu vaccine available for children in 2019/20 – the 'live' nasal spray vaccine and the inactivated injected flu vaccine. This chart indicates which vaccine children should have.

What is the child's age?

under 6 months of age

They are too young to have the flu vaccine (this is why it is important that expectant mothers have a flu vaccination. Pregnant women can have the flu vaccine at any stage of their pregnancy)

6 months to under 2 years

Are they in an at-risk group?

Yes

No

They should have the inactivated injected flu vaccine. Children aged up to 9 years who have never had a flu vaccination will need two doses four weeks apart

The child is not eligible for the flu vaccine

2 or 3 years old

Are they in an at-risk group?

Yes

No

Are there medical reasons why they can't have the nasal spray vaccine?

They should have the nasal spray vaccine (unless contraindicated)

4 to 10 years old
in reception class and in school years 1-6

Are they in an at-risk group?

Yes

No

Are there medical reasons why they can't have the nasal spray vaccine?

They should have the nasal spray vaccine (unless contraindicated)

11 to under 18 years

Are they in an at-risk group?

Yes

No

Are there medical reasons why they can't have the nasal spray vaccine?

The child/individual is not eligible for the flu vaccine

They should have the inactivated injected flu vaccine. Children aged up to 9 years who have never had a flu vaccination will need two doses four weeks apart

Yes

No

They should have the nasal spray vaccine (unless contraindicated). At-risk children aged up to 9 years who have never had a flu vaccination will need two doses four weeks apart

Notes.

- Those aged two and three years old on 31 August 2019 (but not four years old) are eligible for flu vaccination in general practice.
- All primary school aged children (those aged 4 to 10 years old on 31 August 2019) are eligible for flu vaccination in school.
- At-risk children include those who have long-term health conditions such as asthma and other respiratory diseases, liver, kidney

and neurological conditions including learning disabilities, even if well managed.

- The nasal spray vaccine is a 'live' vaccine but the viruses in it have been weakened so they cannot cause flu. It is not suitable for all children including those who are severely immunocompromised, or are on salicylate therapy.

Specialist advice should be sought for children who have needed intensive care due to

asthma or egg allergic anaphylaxis, or have been taking regular oral steroids for asthma.

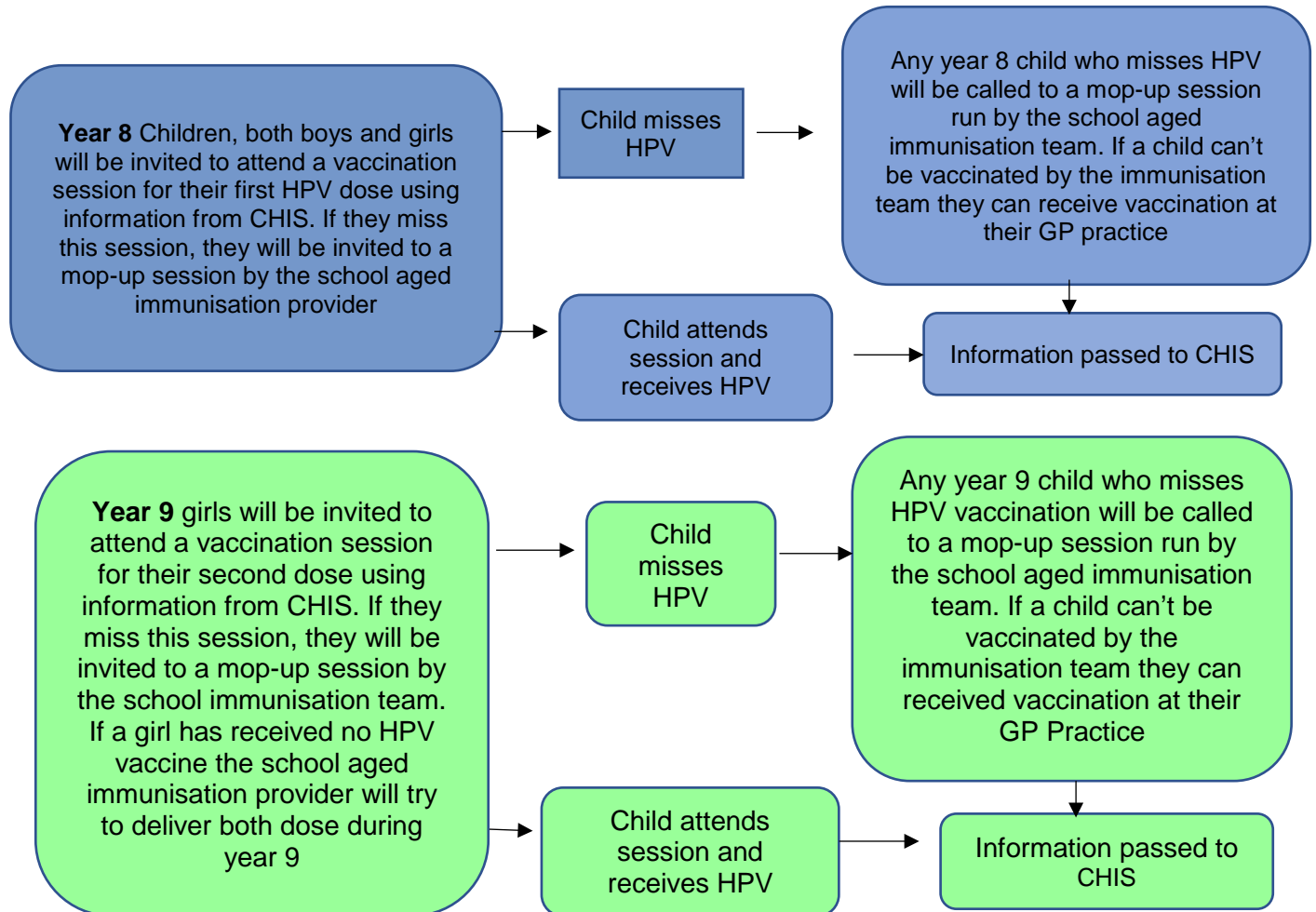
Children who are wheezy at the time of vaccination or have been wheezy in the past 72 hours, should be offered a suitable injected flu vaccine to avoid a delay in protection.

- See the Green Book Chapter 19 Influenza for details: www.gov.uk/government/publications/influenza-the-green-book-chapter-19



Vaccination process for HPV

The vaccine will be offered to boys, in addition to girls, in school year 8 (12–13year olds) as part of the school-aged immunisation programme from 1 September 2019. There is no HPV catch up for boys, boys are only eligible in year 8.



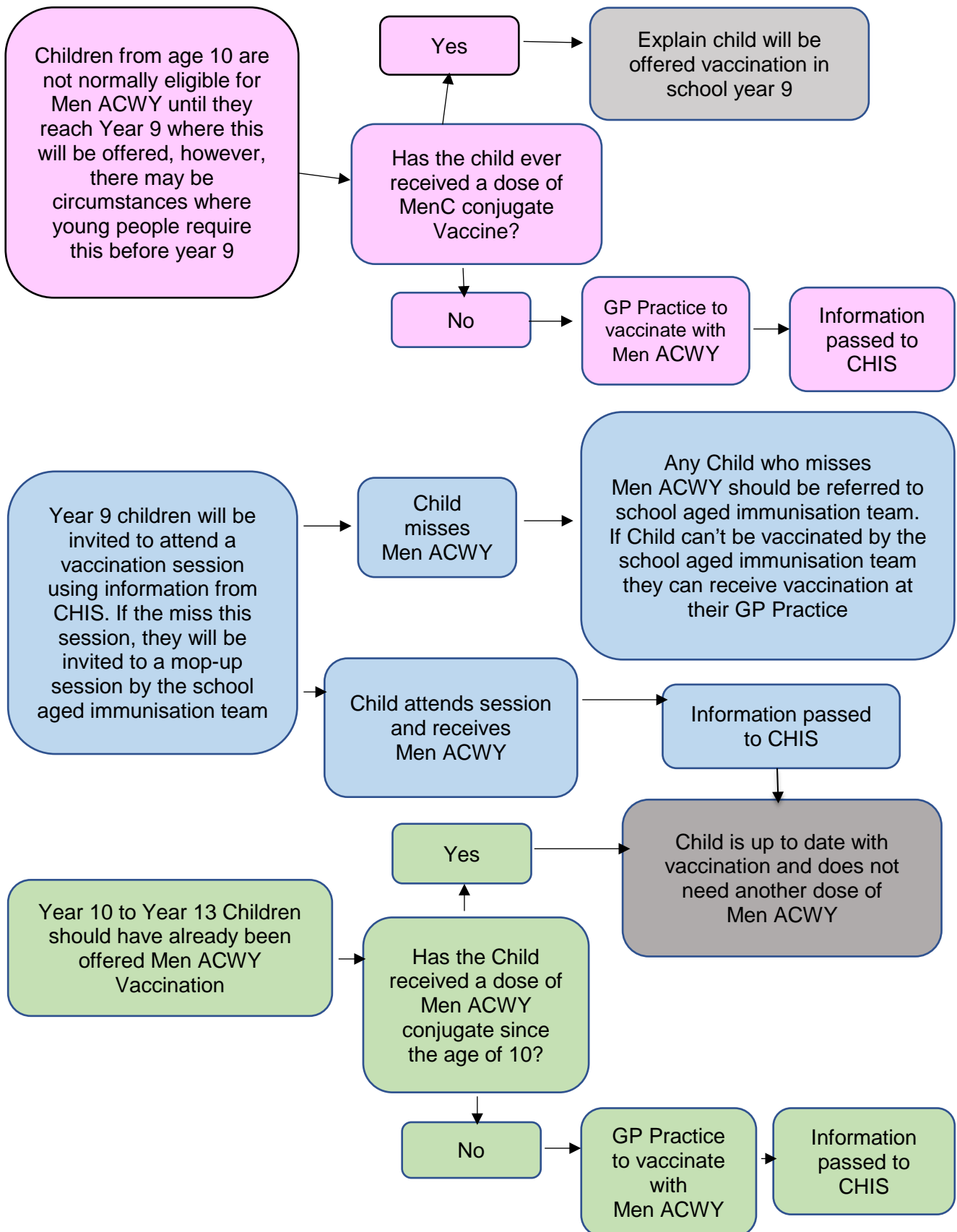
Year 10 and older Children will receive no further invitation from the school age immunisation providers. It is the responsibility of GP Surgeries to Opportunistically complete any incomplete HPV schedules

INCREASE IN UPPER AGE LIMIT OF HPV VACCINE FOR GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN

In January 2019, the GPC (General Practitioners Committee) agreed to an increase in the upper age limit of the HPV vaccine, so girls and young women can opportunistically access the vaccine free of charge in general practice if they have missed the vaccinations through the school-based programme.

From 1 April 2019, GPs will be re-reimbursed for vaccinating young women (over the age of 18 up to 24 years & 364 days). This will help to further reduce cervical cancer, and rarer HPV-related cancers, such as anal cancer, genital cancers and cancers of the head and neck.

Vaccination Process for Meningitis ACWY



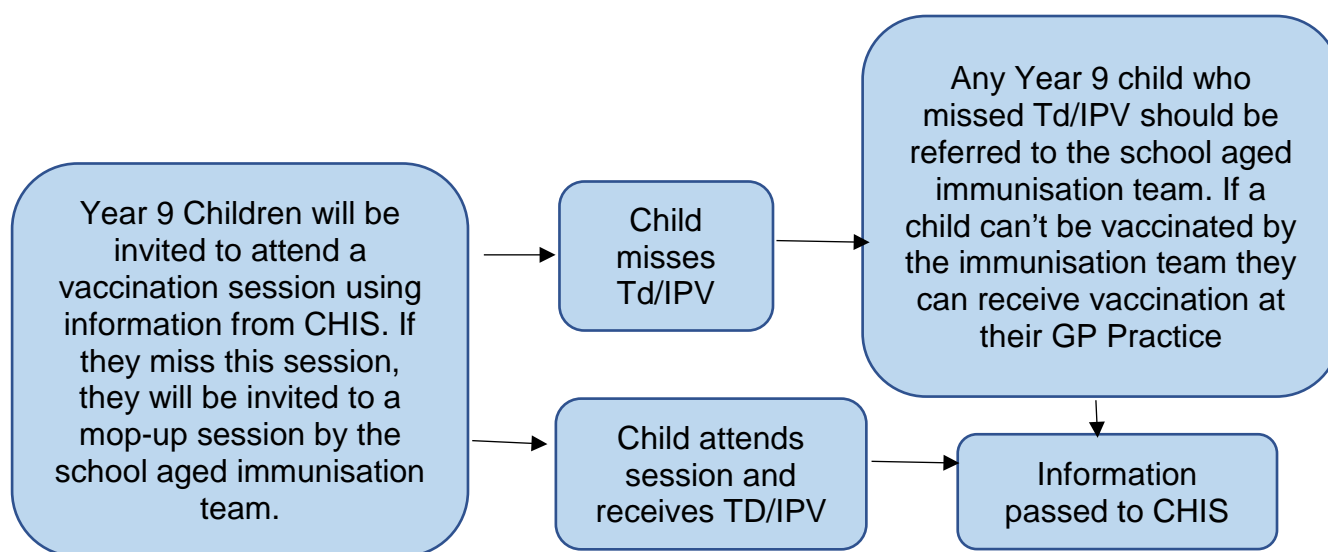
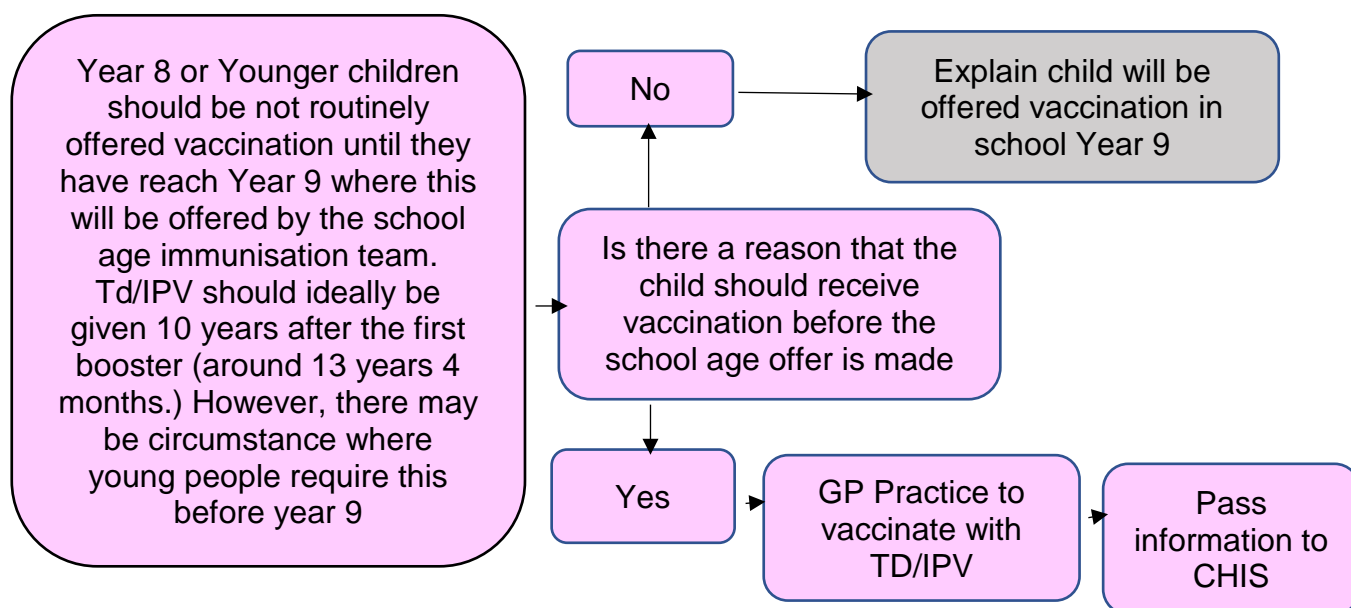
Older groups eligible through opportunistic vaccination

Provide Men ACWY vaccination to eligible students on an opportunistic basis or who self-present at the GP practice; unless immunisation is contraindicated.

Eligible patients are those who:

- i. are attending university/further education⁷ for the first time at the time of vaccination,
- ii. are aged 19 years on 31 August 2019
- iii. Patients eligible from August 2015 remain eligible up to the day before their 25th birthday),
- iv. are vaccinated at any time during the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020; The patient must be under the age of 25 years at the time of vaccination.

Vaccination Process for Td/IPV (Teenage Booster)



Any older Children, young people or Adults who have missed any dose of TD/IPV should be vaccinated opportunistically in general practice.

Please refer to the Green Book and the incomplete vaccination schedule for further information (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publication/vaccination-of-individuals-with-uncertain-or-incomplete-immunisations-status>)

Date of births and year groups for 2019/20 academic year

School Year	Date of birth	Age
Reception	01.09.14 – 31.08.15	4 to 5
Year 1	01.09.13 – 31.08.14	5 to 6
Year 2	01.09.12 – 31.08.13	6 to 7
Year 3	01.09.11 - 31.08.12	7 to 8
Year 4	01.09.10 - 31.08.11	8 to 9
Year 5	01.09.09 - 31.08.10	9 to 10
Year 6	01.09.08 – 31.08.09	10 to 11
Year 7	01.09.07 – 31.08.08	11 to 12
Year 8	01.09.06 – 31.08.07	12 to 13
Year 9	01.09.05 – 31.08.06	13 to 14
Year 10	01.09.04 - 31.08.05	14 to 15
Year 11	01.09.03 – 31.08.04	15 to 16
Year 12	01.09.02 - 31.08.03	16 to 17
Year 13	01.09.01 - 31.08.02	17 to 18

Useful links and contacts

Training

MenB and MenACWY programmes: a video training guide for healthcare professionals
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/menb-and-menacwy-programmes-training-guide>

Immunisation and vaccination training update via e-learning:
<http://www.skillsforhealth.org.uk/news/latest-news/item/518-newly-updated-immunisation-and-vaccination-course>

Resources

Meningococcal leaflets, consent forms, information for healthcare practitioners and other MenACWY-specific materials <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/meningococcal-acwy-menacwy-vaccination-programme>

MenACWY GP invitation letter template.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/menacwy-gp-invitation-letter-template>

HPV and MenACWY leaflets and posters, and the immunisations for young people leaflet (which includes information on Td/IPV can be ordered from www.orderline.dh.gov.uk/

HPV vaccination Information for healthcare practitioners
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/813014/PHE_HP_V_universal_programme_guidance.pdf

Supporting guidance

Meningococcal ACWY Immunisation Programme for Adolescents: Information for healthcare professionals (July 2016) <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/menacwy-programme-information-for-healthcare-professionals>

Green Book: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/immunisation-against-infectious-disease-the-green-book>

Meningitis Research Foundation: <http://www.meningitis.org>

Financial information

Full practice payment information can be found on the NHS Employers website

<https://www.nhsemployers.org/pay-pensions-and-reward/primary-care-contacts/general-medical-services/vaccination-and-immunisation>

Data

Uptake data for MenACWY for the main cohort can be found on Immform
<https://portal.immform.dh.gov.uk/>

PGDs

Can be accessed via the NHS England South (South West) website
<https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/info-professional/pgd/south-west/downloads/>

Contacts

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