



Changes to HPV Programme from September 2023

We are writing to inform you that although you have previously consented for your child to receive 2 doses of the HPV vaccine, we are pleased to announce that from 1 September 2023, the HPV vaccine programme changed from a 2 dose to a one dose HPV vaccine schedule for eligible adolescents. This is because the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) advised that a one dose HPV vaccine schedule has shown to be just as effective as 2 doses at providing protection from HPV infection.

For those children who became eligible for the HPV vaccination programme in the 2022 to 2023 academic year (date of birth between 1 September 2009 to 31 August 2010) or those in older year groups who have not yet received two doses of the HPV Vaccine the following applies:

- 1. Those who started their HPV vaccination schedule and have already received one dose of the vaccine will from September 2023 be considered fully vaccinated.
- 2. Those who have not yet received any HPV vaccinations, will from September 2023, be eligible to receive one dose of the HPV vaccine.
- 3. Children who are known to be immunosuppressed at the time of vaccination and those who are living with HIV, including those on antiretroviral therapy, will continue to be offered a 3 dose schedule.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that if you have any questions regarding your child's HPV vaccination status, please contact Child Health Information Services (CHIS) on 0300 561 1851. If your child has not yet received one dose of the HPV Vaccine they remain eligible and the vaccination can be arranged by contacting us at immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk.

The HPV information leaflet has been updated to reflect these changes and is available here

Yours faithfully,

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