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Routine childhood programme

Routine childhood immunisations

When to immunise	Diseases protected against	Vaccine given	Immunisation site*
Two months old	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) and hepatitis B (6 in 1)	DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB (Infanrix hexa)	Thigh
	Rotavirus	Rotavirus (Rotarix)	By mouth
	Meningococcal group B disease (MenB)	MenB (Bexsero)	Left thigh
Three months old	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, Hib and hepatitis B (6 in 1)	DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB (Infanrix hexa)	Thigh
	Pneumococcal disease	PCV (Prevenar 13)	Thigh
	Rotavirus	Rotavirus (Rotarix)	By mouth
Four months old	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, Hib and hepatitis B (6 in 1)	DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB (Infanrix hexa)	Thigh
	Meningococcal group B disease (MenB)	MenB (Bexsero)	Left thigh
Between 12 and 13 months old – within a month of the first birthday	Measles, mumps and rubella (German measles)	MMR (Priorix or MMR VaxPRO)[1,2]	Upper arm or thigh
	Pneumococcal disease	PCV (Prevenar 13)	Upper arm or thigh
	Hib/Meningococcal group C disease (MenC)	Hib/MenC (Menitorix)	Upper arm or thigh
	Meningococcal group B disease (MenB)	MenB (Bexsero)	Left thigh
Every year from 2 years old up to and including Y12	Influenza (from September)	Flu nasal spray (Fluenz Tetra) (annual)[2] (If Fluenz unsuitable, use inactivated flu vaccine)	Nostrils (Upper arm)
Three years four months old or soon after	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and polio	dTaP/IPV (Boostrix IPV or Repevax)[1]	Upper arm
	Measles, mumps and rubella	MMR (Priorix or MMR VaxPRO)[1,2] (check first dose has been given)	Upper arm
Girls and boys aged 12 to 13 years	Conditions caused by human papillomavirus including cervical cancer (in girls) and cancers of the mouth, throat, anus and genitals (in boys and girls) and genital warts.	HPV (Gardasil 9) (one dose)	Upper arm
Around 14 years old	Tetanus, diphtheria and polio	Td/IPV (Revaxis), and check MMR status	Upper arm
	Meningococcal groups ACWY disease (MenACWY)	MenACWY (MenQuadfi or Nimenrix)[1]	Upper arm

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Uptake dropping

vaccine	2013	2023
6-in-1	98%	92%
MMR 1	97%	89%
MMR 2	93%	85%

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Is your system still right for your practice?

- CHS has several ways to call children
- Think about day & time of clinics
- Reminder texts or calls?
- Can you offer opportunistic/flexible vaccination slots

Funding

- Global Sum includes childhood immunisations
- DES provides additional incentive payments for 70% & 90% uptake for 6-in-1 and MMR
- Item of service for Men B, Rotavirus (Final dose), HIB/MenC/PVC (final dose)

MMR catch up

Young children

- Keep vaccinating on schedule at 1 year and 3 years 4 months

Under 6

- CHS list – check its right
- Invite children if they have fallen outside schedule

6 years and older

- Vaccinate on request if unvaccinated or uncertain vaccination history

Staff

- Encourage them to attend their own GP
- Vaccinate if more practical