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Flu & COVID-19
Autumn 2024/ Winter 25

RSV for older people

GPNI 12 September 2024
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- Building on well established programmes
- In 23/24 GPs administered/recorded
  - 363,000 flu & 276,000 covid vaccinations
  - 82% of total vaccines
- New vaccines each year give targeted protection
- Yellow card for adverse effects

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Main changes for flu and covid

Timing

Adult flu & covid from October, aim to offer by end November

Children's flu from September – orders likely to open w/c 9 September

Cohorts

COVID-19 – no offer for carers or household of immunosuppressed

Flu & COVID-19 – no offer for "healthy" 50-64

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RSV

Health impact for older people

Estimated 175,000 GP appointments in UK ~ 5,000 in NI

Estimated 5,000-7,500 deaths in England & Wales ~ 200 in NI

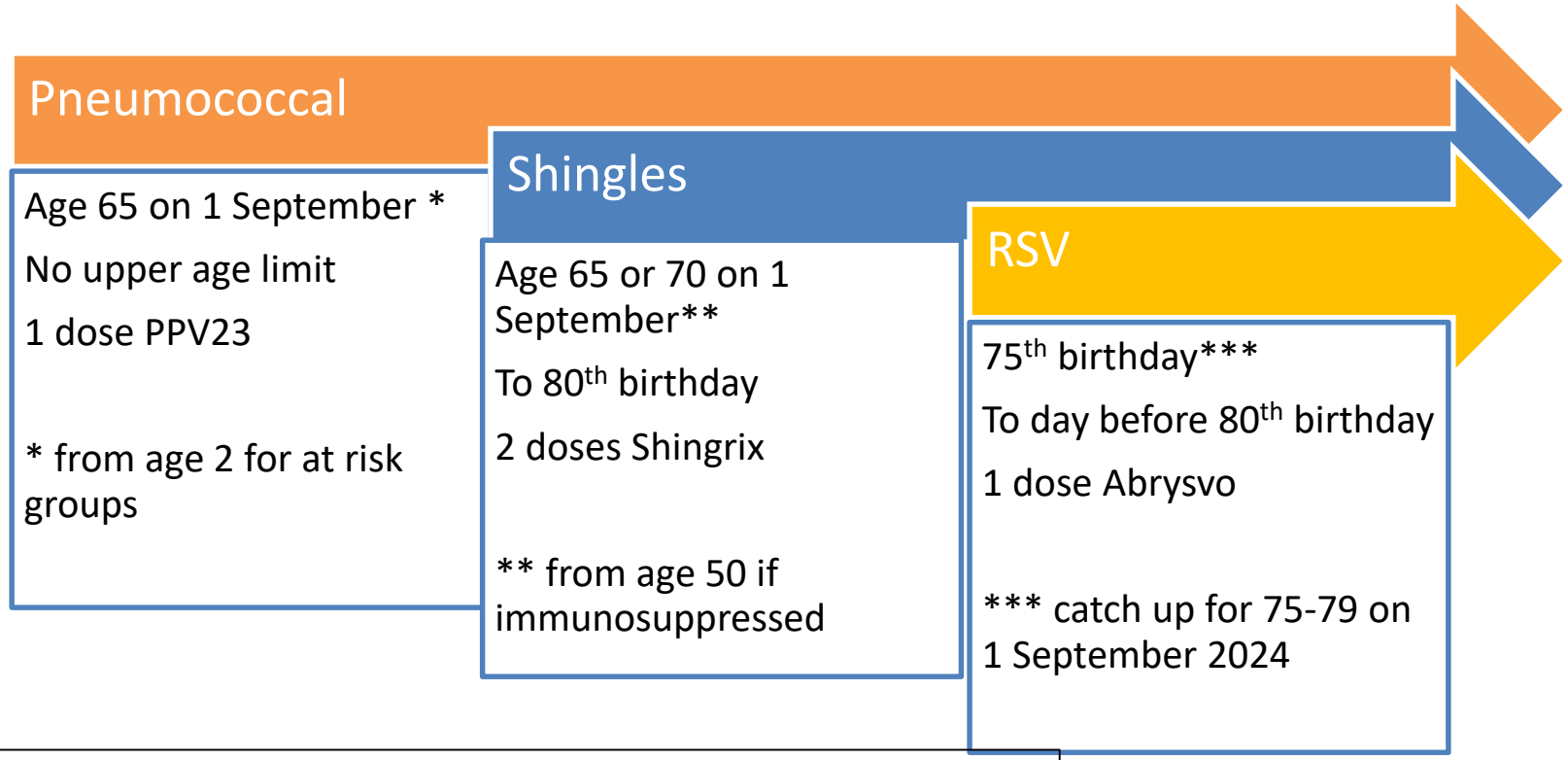
Separate maternity programme for infant protection

Delivered through Trusts from 28 weeks gestation - **Refer to Trust**

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RSV added to older peoples vaccines



PPV23, Shingrix and Abrysvo can be given at same visit
RSV (Abrysvo) should not be given with flu or covid

RSV vaccine Abrysvo

- Big boxes – check you have fridge capacity
- Needs reconstituted & swirled
- Can be given with pneumococcal and/or shingles
- Not recommended to be given with flu or covid (reduced response)

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Further information

Green Book ➢ Chapter 14a – COVID-19 ➢ Chapter 19 – influenza ➢ Chapter 27a - RSV	**Primary care intranet** ➢ Covid Vaccinations NILES ➢ Flu vaccinations DES ➢ RSV vaccinations NILES
HSS(MD) policy letters ➢ COVID-19 not yet issued ➢ Flu not yet issued ➢ HSS(MD)24/2024 - RSV	**PHA** ➢ COVID – Professional information ➢ Flu - Information for health professionals ➢ RSV - Health professional resources