



Vaccination Stakeholder Briefing

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Welcome to the latest edition of our monthly vaccination newsletter.

In this issue, we share important updates on the RSV vaccination programme, including local uptake and forthcoming eligibility changes, alongside key reminders and resources covering HPV, meningitis and maternity vaccinations.

If you would like any further information or support with any of the items below, please don't hesitate to email us at: ssotics.comms@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk

Latest updates

2 in 5 eligible people in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent are still to receive their RSV vaccine

The NHS is urging people who are eligible for the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine to come forward, as thousands across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent remain unprotected. Local figures show that around two in five eligible people have not yet had the RSV vaccine, including more than one in three older adults and over half of eligible pregnant women. [Read the full article on the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICS website.](#)

RSV Vaccination Programme – Eligibility expansion

From 1 April 2026, RSV vaccination will be extended to all adults aged 80+ and residents in care homes for older adults. Further information is available on the [GOV.UK website](#).

1 in 4 school-leavers unprotected by HPV vaccine

A quarter of school-leavers are unvaccinated against HPV, leaving young women at risk of cervical cancer and both sexes vulnerable to other HPV-related cancers. Read the full article on the [GOV.UK website](#).

Back-to-school reminder: Protect your family against meningitis

Anyone can get meningitis, but babies, children, teenagers, and young adults are at the highest risk. While rare, meningitis and septicaemia can be devastating, life-changing, and sometimes fatal. Read the full article on the [Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICS website](#).

Vaccine update: issue 368, January 2026, maternity special

This [latest edition of UK Health Security Agency Vaccine Update](#) contains an overview of eligibility, information about the RSV, pertussis and flu vaccination programmes in pregnancy, vaccine coverage, the RSV monoclonal antibody programme for high-risk infants, as well as links to some healthcare practitioner resources that can help guide practitioners and answer questions.

Childhood Immunisations webinar – Q&A

Following the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Boards Childhood Immunisations Update Webinar in January, questions and answers from the session are attached for your reference.

Seasonal COVID-19 vaccination update

Winter COVID-19 vaccinations have ended. Spring COVID-19 vaccinations will begin from 13 April 2026 and end on 30 June 2026. Further information, including details on any supporting materials and resources available, will be shared in due course.

Promotional resources and information

Winter vaccine resources

- For [RSV the national campaign](#) has lots of posters, social media assets and materials to utilise.
- An updated [winter vaccination toolkit](#) from NHS England is available, which includes a range of resources and key messages for staff and the public.
- There are new flu assets available for those with [long term health conditions](#), as well as [pregnant women, two and three year olds, HCWs and 65 plus](#).

Translated resources

- On the national campaign resource centre there are translated flu eligibility and consent [assets](#), translated COVID eligibility [assets](#), and RSV translated assets [available to download](#) in a number of languages.

Local resources

- [The Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care System website local campaign resource centre](#) has downloadable materials including social media assets, posters, leaflets, videos and podcasts.

Changes to the childhood immunisation programme resources

- To support the introduction of the MMRV vaccination into the routine childhood vaccination schedule to replace the MMR vaccination, there are resources available on the national [campaign resource centre](#), including a [communications toolkit](#) and social media assets.
- Public-facing immunisation resources, including posters and leaflets that can be downloaded on the [GOV.UK website](#). There is also a [guide for parents and carers](#).

- An updated measles communications toolkit is available to help support colleagues who are managing [outbreaks in their communities](#).

Guidance

- Materials to help non-clinical staff hold vaccine confident conversations are available on the NHS England [Vaccine Confidence Hub](#).
- A practical guide for staff on managing cases of infectious diseases in children and young people settings, including education. Read more on [GOV.UK website](#).
- To sign up for the UK Health Security Agency Vaccine Update bulletin, [click here](#).

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