

Meningitis ACWY and Tetanus, Diphtheria & Polio Vaccinations

Dear Parent/Carer

As a result of a continuing increase in the number of cases of Meningococcal W (MenW) disease over recent years, the MenACWY vaccine is being offered to year 9 students in schools. At the same time as receiving this vaccination, your child will receive their final, routine 'teenage booster' of Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio. One injection will be given in each arm.

Older teenagers and young adults are at risk of getting meningitis and septicaemia from MenW. Meningococcal bacteria can cause meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain) and septicaemia (blood poisoning). Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio are serious diseases that can affect the nervous system, breathing and heart.

The most common mild side effects of the vaccinations include redness, tenderness or swelling at the injection site, fever, fatigue, nausea, muscle aches or headache. Paracetamol may be given to ease a fever or discomfort resulting from a vaccination.

If you would like your child to receive the vaccinations, please complete sections 1 to 5 of the consent form in black ink, ticking in the green boxes and return it to school promptly. If you do not wish your child to receive the vaccination, please complete sections 1 and 2, ticking in the red boxes, and return it to school. If you do not return a consent form, we will contact you in order to confirm that you do not wish your child to receive the vaccines. If your child is absent on the day of vaccinations, a further attempt will be made to offer your child the vaccine at a later date. Please write a valid mobile number on the form so that we can contact you if necessary.

If you are unsure of your child's vaccination history, please check with your GP before you return the form.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE FORM IS SIGNED BY THE PERSON WITH LEGAL PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CHILD/YOUNG PERSON. (Legal responsibility applies to birth parents and others who have obtained parental responsibility agreements through court.)

Please note, that by your giving consent, you are agreeing to your child's electronic health record being updated by CCS NHS Trust, and your GP being notified; we will ask the school to share information with us about all eligible children.

If you need further information regarding the vaccinations please contact the Immunisation Team on either: 01354 644392, 01354 644238, 01354 644284, 01354 644216 or email the Team at ccs-tr.cambsimmsteam@nhs.net. Further information can be found online by searching 'childhood vaccinations' at: www.nhs.uk. The medical information for the vaccines can be read by typing 'Nimenrix', 'Menveo' and 'Revaxis' into the search bar at: <https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/>

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Yours faithfully



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