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2025 HPV Vaccination

# HPV Vaccination Programme Protecting against HPV infection to help reduce your risk of cancer

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The HPV vaccine is available to all young people in Year 8 and any Year 9 who have not commenced the course previously.

Your child's Human Papillomavirus Vaccination is now due. It is important that you consent or decline the vaccination as soon as possible. A failure to do this will result in further contact from the Immunisation Team to ensure that you have received the offer of the vaccination.

#### **Giving Consent**

Please complete the consent form online (one for each child, please) using the following link Please ensure you type in the Unique School Code below:

## **HPV Vaccination Consent Form (ghcimmunisations.co.uk)**

Cheltenham Bournside School Unique Code: GC136725

This link will close at midday on the working day before the team is due to visit so please complete this as soon as possible as the team will be unable to take any consents after this point. If you are unable to access the online consent form for any reason, please contact Gloucestershire Immunisation Team on 0300 421 8140 or email: GHC.Immunisation@ghc.nhs.uk

This is a school-based programme and can be accessed via your child's school session or via our community clinics. If you wish to attend with your child, please submit a consent form and include in the additional information that you do not wish your child to be vaccinated at school but would like an appointment at one of our community clinics. Following submission please contact the team to arrange an appointment on 0300 421 8140. Your child's school will inform you of the date planned for our team to visit.

### Students at secondary school

If we do not receive the completed decision form, each young person may be assessed on an individual basis and invited to self-consent for the vaccination, providing they can demonstrate an understanding of the vaccination being given. This is in-line with the Gillick competency and consent to treatment guidance which can be found at Consent to treatment - Children and young people - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

The HPV vaccines has been offered to all girls in school year 8 for over ten years. From September 2019 the HPV programme was extended to include Year 8 boys. This is because the evidence is clear that the HPV vaccine helps protect both boys and girls from HPV related cancers. By having this vaccination, your child will be protected against the commonest cause of cervical cancer, some mouth and throat cancers and some cancers of the anus and genital areas for many years to come.

### **Immunosuppressed Cohort**

Eligible individuals who are known to be immunosuppressed at the time of vaccination should be continued to be offered a 3 dose schedule as per the HPV and immunisations of individuals with underlying medical conditions.

#### **Further Information Required**

Should you have any questions regarding this change or to check for any outstanding vaccination parent/carers can call our team on 0300 421 8140 or email <a href="mailto:GHC.Immunisation@ghc.nhs.uk">GHC.Immunisation@ghc.nhs.uk</a>.

For more information about the HPV vaccine please see the Immunisation Team website at: School-aged Immunisation Team > CYPS Glos Health & Care NHS (ghc.nhs.uk)

The leaflet "HPV vaccination" that accompanies this letter informs you and your child about the HPV vaccine. We hope that the information provided addresses any concerns you or your child might have about the vaccination.

If you would like more detailed information and links to other useful websites about the HPV vaccination, please visit HPV vaccine - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

For further information relating to consent, please see the online leaflet "Consent – What you have a right to expect" available at Consent to treatment - Children and young people - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Information about the vaccinations will be added to your child's health records, including records at their GP surgery and held by the NHS.

Yours Faithfully

Caroline Halford

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All personal data receive about your son/daughter will be held securely, and only accessed by appropriate persons involved in your child's care. It will be processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of personal data. The Trust has a detailed privacy notice which is available here: Privacy notice > Glos Health & Care NHS Foundation Trust

We have a statutory duty to report statistical vaccinations data, as a percentage of the population; your response will form part of that statistical data. We provide this information to Public Health England, there is no personal data involved in this return.

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