

Dear Parents,

The School Aged Immunisation team will shortly be returning into schools offering the Human Papilloma (HPV) vaccinations for Year 9. **The HPV vaccination is a 2-dose course. The 1<sup>st</sup> dose is delivered in School Year 8 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose is delivered 12 months later in School Year 9.**

Please read the leaflet enclosed which will provide you with further medical information about the virus and the vaccination. Further information can be found on

<https://www.nhs.uk/hpv>

[The universal HPV immunisation programme \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/612222/the-universal-hpv-immunisation-programme)

If your child **received HPV 1<sup>st</sup> dose in year 8**, you are not required to take any action as we already have your consent form. If you are unsure please check your child's NHS app.

If your child has **not received HPV 1<sup>st</sup> dose** and you would like to consent now, please find the link below as we are using online consent for all of our immunisation programmes.

<https://links.inhealthcare.co.uk/solent-southampton-hpv>

**If this does not open, please copy hyperlink and paste the link above into your internet browser address bar.**

#### **Completing Inhealthcare online E-consent**

- Once you click START you will then be prompted for the Unique School LEA Code which is **135628** Once you enter this, the school name will show, please ensure this shows your child's correct school (if it is incorrect, please check it has been entered correctly and contact school if any issues)
- Enter child's details
- Option to consent to the vaccination (HPV)
- Enter your personal details
- Supply your email address (you will be sent a verification code to confirm your email address, so please ensure you have access to your emails. Please check your junk folder once submitted, in case they are filtered to junk/spam). You are then required to enter your verification code from your email to continue with the consent process.
- Enter any additional contacts
- Complete health screening questions (see FAQ below for any queries around these)
- Review form
- Submit
- Screen shows 'thank you for completing'
- If you have more than one child to complete consent for, there is an option on this screen to start another child's consent.

Please also complete the online form even if you do not want your child to receive the vaccine. **PLEASE ONLY SUBMIT ONE FORM PER CHILD.** If you are unsure if you have completed one, please check your emails for the 'thank you' and 'booked in session' emails from Inhealthcare.

**If at any time you wish to change your consent, you will be required to inform your child's School before the date of the school session.**

*Submission for school session on 5<sup>th</sup> May must be completed by 2<sup>nd</sup> May. If your child is absent or does not receive immunisation on the day, you will also receive this email with the link to book an alternative appointment. You do not need to complete another consent form.*

Once you have completed the online consent form, you will be emailed a link to book for your child to have the immunisation a clinic appointment. (Please check your junk folder for communications from Inhealthcare).

If you have any questions at all, or if you are unable to complete the online consent form, please contact the School Aged Immunisation Team on:

[snhs.schoolagedimmunisations-soton@nhs.net](mailto:snhs.schoolagedimmunisations-soton@nhs.net)

With best wishes,

**School Aged Immunisation Team**

**For more information visit our website [School Aged Immunisation Team | Solent](#)**

### Online E-Consent questions guidance

**What is a LEA code?**

- **Local Education Authority code identifies the school.**

**Has your child received any doses of the HPV vaccine elsewhere?**

- **e.g. at the GP or a school outside the area**

**Has your child ever had a severe reaction to previous immunisations?**

- **E.g. Requiring hospital treatment. (Not including fainting).**

**Is your child allergic to any ingredients in the vaccination? (Ingredients listed on the consent form)**

- **E.g. confirmed allergic reactions.**

**Does your child have a diagnosed bleeding disorder confirmed by a medical professional?**

- **E.g. Confirmed diagnoses from GP/hospital doctor.**

**Does your child have additional needs that might affect their vaccination?**

- **The team are regularly working with children who have additional needs and are happy to provide a level of support, time and encouragement that suits their need.**

# HPV

## vaccination

Protecting against HPV infection to help reduce your risk of cancer



# The universal HPV

## immunisation programme

More than 280 million doses of the HPV vaccine have been given worldwide, including 120 million doses in the US and over 10 million in the UK. The HPV vaccine has been offered to all girls in school year 8 since September 2008. From September 2019 the vaccine has also been offered to year 8 boys.

This is because the evidence is clear that the HPV vaccine helps protect both boys and girls from HPV-related cancers.

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### **The HPV vaccine helps protect you from being infected by the human papillomavirus (HPV).**

This virus increases the risk of developing some cancers later in life, such as:

- cervical cancer
- some mouth and throat cancers
- some cancers of the anus and genital areas

The HPV vaccine does not protect against other sexually transmitted infections.

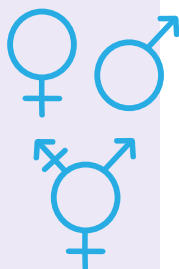
# HPV and how it spreads

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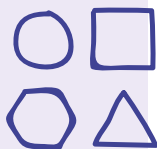
**HPV infection is very common.** More than 70% of unvaccinated people will get it

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**HPV lives on the skin in and around the whole genital area,** so using condoms does not provide complete protection from HPV



There are **many different types** of HPV



Most HPV infections do not cause any symptoms and **get better on their own**



**Some do not clear up** and can lead to cancer whilst others cause genital warts



## **What difference has the HPV vaccine made so far?**

Over 80 million people have received the vaccine worldwide.

In time it is expected that the vaccine will save hundreds of lives every year in the UK. A recent Scottish study has already shown a 71% reduction in pre-cancerous cervical disease in young women.

Ten years since the start of the vaccination programme in the UK there has been a big decline in HPV infections and in the number of young people with genital warts.

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## **Having the HPV vaccine**

The vaccine is given in your arm and you need 2 doses to be fully protected.

The first injection is given in year 8 and the second one usually 6 to 12 months later. You will be informed when you are due the second dose.



To give you the best protection, the vaccine should be given before you become sexually active.

If you are sexually active you should still have the vaccine.



## The HPV vaccine

**Gardasil** has been the HPV vaccine used in the **NHS vaccination schedule** since 2012.

Sometime during the 2021 to 2022 academic year the HPV vaccine used in the programme will switch to Gardasil 9.

**Gardasil 9** can be given for the first and second dose or to complete a course that was previously started with Gardasil.

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## I missed my vaccination, can I still have it?

Yes. If you missed either of your vaccinations at school, you should try and catch-up as soon as possible. Contact your school nurse, school immunisation team or GP practice to arrange an appointment. You remain eligible to receive the vaccine up until your 25<sup>th</sup> birthday.





## **Women who have had the vaccine will still need to go for cervical screening**

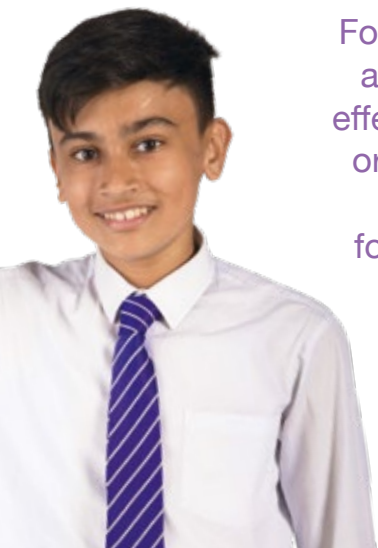
All women aged 25 and over in England are offered cervical screening tests.

The vaccines used in the NHS programme will prevent anything between 70% to 90% of cervical cancer cases, but screening is still needed to pick up any other cervical abnormalities.

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## **What about the other cancers?**

There are currently no screening programmes for other HPV-related cancers. If you are worried about any symptoms speak to your GP practice.



For more information about possible side effects of the vaccine or to see the patient information leaflet for the vaccine, visit [www.nhs.uk/hpv](http://www.nhs.uk/hpv)

# Remember



to get your 2 doses of HPV vaccine at least 6 months apart



to get your HPV vaccine now, to protect yourself against a number of cancers in the future



in time it is expected that the vaccine will save hundreds of lives every year in the UK

**For more information, visit [www.nhs.uk/hpv](http://www.nhs.uk/hpv)**

A complete list of ingredients for the Gardasil vaccine is given in the Patient Information Leaflet (PIL):

[www.medicines.org.uk/emc/medicine/19033](http://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/medicine/19033)

A complete list of ingredients for the Gardasil 9 vaccine is given in the Patient Information Leaflet (PIL): [www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/7330/pil](http://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/7330/pil)

The Summary of Product Characteristics (SPC): [www.medicines.org.uk/emc/search?q=gardasil](http://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/search?q=gardasil)



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