



HPV Vaccinations

Hounslow School Aged Immunisation Team



A bit about us

Hello! We are the Hounslow School Aged Immunisation Team, a small friendly team of Nurses that are responsible for giving any vaccines that are due at school or for school aged children (5-18). We are based at a small clinic in Heston and travel to all schools across the borough to administer these vaccines. This Newsletter is all about the upcoming HPV vaccinations that are due in school from January onwards; from September 2023 it is a one dose programme given in year 8. Please do check out the links provided for more information!

Why should my child have the HPV Vaccine?

- The HPV vaccine helps protect against the Human papilloma-virus (HPV)
- There are over 100 strains , of which some are harmless, some cause warts and some can cause cancer
- The Vaccine used in the UK is Gardasilg which protects against 9 strains of the virus which includes the strains that cause genital warts and some strains that cause cancer
- Contracting the HPV virus increases the risk of cervical cancer, head and neck cancers (including mouth and throat) and some cancers of the anal and genital areas
- The HPV virus can also cause genital warts

Who should have the vaccine?

- HPV is passed from one person to another during intimate contact.
- The vaccine gives the best protection if given at a young age
- The Vaccine is offered to both boys and girls in school year 8

Having the vaccine at school

- The vaccine has a 1-dose schedule and is given in year 8 .
- Vaccination at a younger age is more effective at preventing HPV infection. So the best time to be vaccinated is between 12 and 14 years.
- A consent form will be sent electronically via your child's school
- The form needs to be returned by the date given to the school whether it is NO or Yes
- The vaccine program normally runs from January till just after Easter

Further Information:

[Information on HPV vaccination - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/first-people-to-get-the-new-1-dose-16-valent-human-papilloma-virus-vaccine)
(www.gov.uk)

[HPV vaccine overview - NHS](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hpv-vaccine-overview) (www.nhs.uk)

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Did you know? The vaccine was initially only offered to girls but due to its success lowering HPV related cancers which affect both males and females it has been rolled out to boys to since 2019