



Dear Parent or Guardian

Beating Cervical Cancer

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is available to all girls in school year 8-9

Since September 2008 there has been a National Immunisation Programme to vaccinate girls aged 12-13 against Human Papillomavirus (HPV). The HPV vaccine protects against the two types of human papillomavirus that cause most cases (over 70%) of cervical cancer. This vaccination helps prevent a very serious disease that affects over 3000 women every year in the UK and causes over 1000 deaths. It also protects against HPV types 6 and 11 - responsible for causing genital warts, the most common sexually transmitted infection in the UK.

The HPV vaccination is available routinely to all girls in school years 8 and 9. To get the best protection, it is important that your daughter receives **BOTH INJECTIONS** over the next 6 -12 months. By having this vaccination, your daughter will be protected against the commonest cause of cervical cancer for many years to come.

Please complete fully and sign the consent form on the reverse of this letter to give your consent to your daughter's immunisations or visit:

<https://www.glos-care.nhs.uk/consentforms/HPVConsent/HPVConsentForm> to consent online.

Please note if the consent form is not returned your child will not be able to have the vaccine. Please contact your child's school, or the Immunisation Team on 0300 421 8140 for the date planned for your school. For more information about the HPV vaccine please see the Immunisation Team website at:

<https://www.glos-care.nhs.uk/our-services/children-young-people/immunisation>

For further information relating to consent, please see the online leaflet " Consent – What you have a right to expect" available at:

https://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/AboutNHSservices/Documents/Consent_%20aguideforparentsDH_4117353.pdf

The leaflet "Your guide to the HPV vaccination" that accompanies this form tells you and your daughter about the HPV vaccine. We hope that the information provided addresses any concerns you or your daughter might have about the vaccination. If you would like more detailed information and links to other useful websites about the HPV vaccination, please visit:

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/hpv-human-papillomavirus-vaccine.aspx>

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

If you do not wish for your daughter to receive this vaccination please decline the offer to prevent further contact from the team.

Yours Faithfully

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