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Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio (Td/IPV) and Meningococcal Groups ACWY (MenACWY) Immunisation for Teenagers**

The National Childhood Immunisation Programme has meant that dangerous diseases such as tetanus, diphtheria and polio have practically disappeared in this country. It is important that everyone keeps up their immunity so that these diseases do not return. All children need five doses of tetanus, diphtheria and polio vaccination to build up and maintain immunity. The first three doses should have been given as a baby and the fourth at around four years old. The fifth dose is due now.

From September 2015 all young people are being offered the MenACWY vaccine as part of their routine immunisations. It is being offered in response to a rapidly growing increase in cases of a highly aggressive strain of meningococcal disease group W (MenW). Since 2009 there has been a year on year increase in the cases of MenW and there are no signs of the number declining; a teenager is at a higher risk of getting MenW meningococcal disease. This disease can cause meningitis and septicaemia that can kill in hours and those who recover may be left severely disabled. This vaccine protects against meningitis (inflammation of the brain) and septicaemia (blood poisoning) caused by meningococcal groups A, C, W and Y. The vaccine will protect against the disease as well as reducing the risk of the bacteria being carried, therefore protecting other people.

A leaflet explaining the programme is enclosed.

These are very safe vaccines and there are very few circumstances in which it should not be given. These include:

- A severe reaction to the antibiotic Streptomycin, Neomycin or Polymyxin B (Not penicillin). The level of reaction would be termed an anaphylactic reaction which leads to breathing difficulties and often hospitalisation.
- A previous anaphylactic reaction to one of these immunisations. Reactions such as a rash are not a reason to avoid immunisation.
- Pregnancy or altered immunity.

**In order for your child to receive this immunisation in school please complete the online consent form (one per child) by accessing the following link.**

**<https://www.glos-care.nhs.uk/consentforms> or return the enclosed paper consent form to school.**

When consenting online please ensure that consent is completed at least 1 working day prior to the session date. After this time a paper consent form will need to be completed and brought into school by your child on the day of the vaccination session.

If opting to consent via the paper consent form please return it to school within one week.  
Please note if neither the online or paper consent form are returned your child will not be able to have the vaccine.

**Please remember to return the consent form even if you DO NOT consent to the vaccination for your child, explaining the reason for your decision. This will help us in the development of the school based vaccination programme.**

We recommend that you discuss your vaccination choice with your son or daughter.

**Failure to respond to this vaccination offer will result in further contact from the Immunisation team until a response is given, whether this be consent or decline.**

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:  
<https://www.glos-care.nhs.uk/fair-processing-notice>

The Trust is compliant with the NHS national information governance toolkit. Our most recent assessment is available here

<https://www.igt.hscic.gov.uk/ReportsOrganisationChooser.aspx?tk=431594603293679&Inv=3&cb=18ac67d8-886a-4be8-ab45-ca1ba18f5cc3&reptypeid=1>

Your child's data will be processed solely to ensure that your child is offered their vaccination in line with the National Childhood Immunisation Programme. The data, and response received will form part of the child's health record. All data, therefore, will be retained, in accordance with the NHS records management code of practice, for children's records. This can be viewed here:  
<https://digital.nhs.uk/article/1202/Records-Management-Code-of-Practice-for-Health-and-Social-Care-2016>

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.

For more information about the Td/IPV /Men ACWY programme, consent and the date of your child's session, please see the Immunisation Team website at:  
<https://www.glos-care.nhs.uk/our-services/children-young-people/immunisation>

Or contact the Immunisation Team on. 0300 421 8140 or email [glos-care.immunisationteam@nhs.net](mailto:glos-care.immunisationteam@nhs.net)

Thank you for returning the consent form



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