

What strategies can your GP practice implement to increase HPV vaccination uptake?

GARDASIL® 9
Human Papillomavirus
9-valent Vaccine, Recombinant

Prepare your practice to deliver HPV vaccination to eligible young people who have missed their vaccination in school

01 Set HPV immunisation goals in your practice

Examples could include:



Ensuring all potentially eligible people registered in the GP practice have been vaccinated against HPV



Maximising practice remuneration by ensuring systems are in place to claim payment for HPV vaccination activity^{1,2}



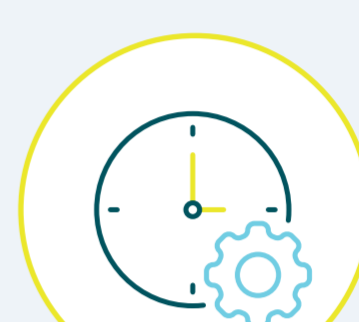
02 Ensure HPV immunisation delivery arrangements are in place



Identify a named lead member of staff with responsibility for the immunisation service and ensure all practice staff know who this lead person is¹



Ensure a registered healthcare professional trained and competent in immunisation is available all or most of the time the GP practice is open¹



Ensure timely appointments that are convenient to the eligible practice population¹

03 Identify people who are potentially eligible to receive HPV vaccination



Create a system for identifying those potentially eligible for HPV vaccination who may attend the practice for other reasons, such as an appointment with the GP or physiotherapist. An example could be using IT alerts to remind staff to discuss HPV vaccination with potentially eligible people



If HPV immunisation is not recorded on an eligible patient's GP record, check the HPV immunisation status with the local Child Health Information System or Child Health department¹

04 Ensure all GP staff are aware of their responsibilities when it comes to HPV vaccination

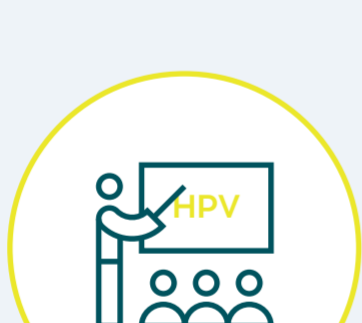
Responsibilities could include:



Checking in advance HPV immunisation history of young people attending the practice for other vaccinations, such as annual influenza vaccination, or healthcare provisions, such as cervical cancer screening, contraceptive reviews and medication reviews



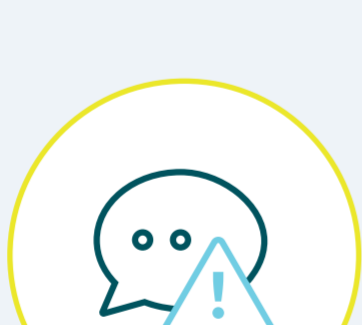
Ensuring local healthcare providers who may engage with young people, such as pharmacists, physiotherapists and opticians, **are aware that your GP practice offers HPV vaccination to eligible young people** aged between 14 and 25 years who have missed their HPV vaccination in school



Ensuring practice business meetings **include HPV vaccination on the agenda**



Ensure people aged 12–13 years are referred to the School Age Immunisation Services



Ensure groups eligible for vaccination via sexual health services are informed of this arrangement



Want to learn more?

Click on the link below to access more resources on HPV including:

- What is HPV and its associated risks?
- What is the impact of HPV vaccination to date?
- How can you improve HPV vaccination uptake?

Clicking the link above will take you to a promotional MSD webpage

Gardasil® 9 is indicated for active immunisation of individuals from the age of 9 years against the following HPV diseases:³

- Premalignant lesions and cancers affecting the cervix, vulva, vagina and anus caused by vaccine HPV types
- Genital warts (*Condyloma acuminata*) caused by specific HPV types

Please refer to the Summary of Product Characteristics for further information prior to making any prescribing decisions.³

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