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**Re: Schools' support for the NHS school aged vaccination programmes**

Dear Colleague,

As you are aware, all school aged children are entitled to be offered vaccinations under the Section 7a immunisation programmes. These vaccinations consist of child 'flu vaccination to primary school children in Reception to Year 5 and in secondary schools, girls are offered two doses of HPV vaccine in Year 8 and 9 and both boys and girls are offered Men ACWY and Teenage Booster (which is the 5<sup>th</sup> and final vaccine in a course of diphtheria, tetanus and polio vaccinations that began as infants). In London we have commissioned school aged vaccination workforces to enter schools and provide these important programmes that protect the children and their communities from communicable diseases.


I would like to thank you for your support so far for these programmes and to ask that you continue to work with our healthcare teams to:

- develop and agree the best approach for implementing the programme in your school, agree a date for the vaccination session
- provide a suitable location for the immunisation to take place (e.g. school hall or classroom)
- agree a process for providing parents with the invitation letter, information leaflet and consent form.

We are grateful for your on-going support with the programme and for agreeing to host the vaccination session. Local healthcare teams will work with schools to ensure minimum disruption and schools will only be asked to help with tasks that cannot easily be done by the healthcare team.

Please note, on the rare occasion when schools do not agree to host sessions children may need to be released from school to receive their vaccine elsewhere.

Thanking you in advance,



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