



# Important Men ACWY Clarification & Guidance on PGD/PSDs

Date sent: Thursday 30 July 2015

## Update March 2016:

### MenC

Attached is the bipartite letter regarding changes to the infant MenC schedule; Removal of the infant dose of meningococcal serogroup C (MenC) conjugate vaccine given at three months from 1 July 2016.

### MenACWY

As from **1st April 2016** those in DOB range **01/09/1997 – 31/08/1998** should be invited for conjugate MenACWY vaccination by the practice as part of the catch – up programme.

This means that practices should be offering MenACWY to the following groups:

GP adolescent immunisation programme: Southampton, Portsmouth, IOW, most of Hampshire	School adolescent immunisation programme: Dorset, Hartmoor and Rush, Basingstoke
Routine adolescent TdIVP and MenACWY and any yr10s previously vaccinated with MenC as an adolescent.	Adolescents who missed immunisation at school – completing an incomplete schedule.
Year 11s – DOB 01/09/1999 – 31/08/2000	
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<b>From April 2017 DOB range 01/09/1998 – 31/08/1999</b>	

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Please take every opportunity to offer MenACWY to all those in the eligible cohorts and ensure that all staff are aware of those who are eligible for vaccination.

All practices in Southampton, Portsmouth, IOW and most of Hampshire should be calling their adolescents for routine adolescent TdIVP and MenACWY. Please inform child health, via the immunisation returns, when vaccinations have been administered

Resources for this programme can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/meningococcal-acwy-menacwy-vaccination-programme>

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As of January 2016 the vaccination of the next catch – up cohort for MenACWY can commence.

This means that all adolescents in **DOB range 01/09/99 -31/08/00** should now be offered the **MenACWY** vaccine, regardless of whether they have had MenC previously.

Where adolescent immunisations are delivered in schools; Dorset, Basingstoke, Rush and Hartmoor only, the school providers will be offering this vaccine to Yr11 in the Spring term.

**You can provide MenACWY at the surgery for the following groups:**

- Routine adolescent immunisation (yr 9/10)
- Urgent catch up – 01/09/96 -31/08/97
- Catch up (current yr 11) – 01/09/99 -31/08/00
- Freshers – first time University entrants 2015/16

The vaccine can be ordered via ImmForm.

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## Update September 2015:

### Men ACWY for University freshers – missed cohort

A University Practice has highlighted an issue about a missed cohort of Men ACWY patients – namely patients born after 1 Sept 1997 who have just started University. Those in the current year 13 (DOB 01/09/1996-31/08/1997) would be in the school catch-up cohort and for a patient to be in the University freshers cohort they must be 19 years on 31 August 2015 in order to be eligible.

GPC raised this issue with NHS England who have confirmed that, as per the [tri-partite letter](#), patients born between 01/09/1997-31/08/1998 will be eligible for vaccination from April 2016. As this means that this group of patients would not be protected against meningitis until then, we asked whether this group (although likely to be small) could be included in one of the cohorts (and funded nationally). However, the request to amend the service specification was refused, and instead the following FAQ has been added to the NHS Employers vaccs and imms FAQs: <http://www.nhsemployers.org/your-workforce/primary-care-contacts/general-medical-services/faqs-and-queries/vi-faqs>

**Q: What about teenagers and young adults who are going to university early but do not meet the age criteria for the two MenACWY programmes?**

A: As these patients fall outside of the eligible cohorts defined by the NHS England service specifications, they would not be covered by the automated data collections. As such, practices should discuss the vaccination of these patients with their commissioner on a case-by-case basis. In line with established procedures, where the practice and commissioner agree to the amendment the commissioner will adjust the practice achievement.

In the spirit of the agreement, we would expect these practices to be remunerated for vaccinating these patients.

Although we are pleased that this allows for these patients to be protected and should allow for payment to be made, we appreciate that the workload involved in claiming may negate any overall income received for the practices, and we would have preferred an amendment to the scheme.

**This email is being disseminated to all GPs and Practice Managers by Wessex LMCs**

## Men ACWY for University Freshers

### First time university entrants up to 25 years commencing August 2015 (primary care)

**Please note, this is an update to our previous mailings regarding Men C/ACWY vaccinations, which should be discarded. The previous advice from the GPC, circulated on the 1st July, appears to have been taken from the previous MenC vaccination programme and was misleading. Please accept our apologies for the confusion.**

From the 1 August 2015, GP practices should opportunistically offer Men ACWY conjugate vaccine to older first-time university entrants up to the age of 25 years, directly replacing the MenC vaccine as part of the 'freshers programme'. **This includes those who may have previously received the MenC vaccine at 10 years and over.**

First time university entrants aged less than 25 years who have previously received a dose of MenACWY conjugate vaccine 10 years or over do not require an additional dose of vaccine.

In short, **all first time university entrants up to 25 years of age should be offered Men ACWY, even if they have had MenC vaccine previously.** If they have received a dose of MenACWY conjugate vaccine at 10 years or over, they do not require an additional dose. Students will receive a letter from UCAS advising them to make an appointment with their GP.

As it states in the bipartite letter the reason the programme was introduced is in response to the rapid and accelerating increase in MenW, so the MenACWY conjugate vaccine is being offered to all the eligible cohort to protect them against the four meningococcal groups.

### Summary

Cohorts	Academic Year	Age/ Dates of Birth
<b>Urgent catch-up programme</b> <b>Commencing 1 August 2015 to 31 March 2016</b>	Year 13 (2014/15 academic year) GP led call and recall model	Aged 17-18 years Those born on or after 1 September 1996 to 31 August 1997
<b>"Freshers" programme</b> <b>Commencing 1 August 2015</b>	First time university entrants up to 25 years GP opportunistic delivery model	
<b>Routine adolescent programme</b> <b>Commencing 1 September 2015</b>	Years 9 or 10 or both* School based delivery model	Aged 13-15 years Direct <b>replacement</b> of MenC adolescent vaccine
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Catch- up programme</b> <b>Commencing January 2016</b>	Year 11 (2015/16 academic year) School based delivery model	Aged 15-16 years Those born on or after 1 September 1999 to 31 August 2000

## Updated PGD and PSD guidance

The GPC's guidance on Patient Group Directions (PGD) and Patient Specific Directions (PSD) in General Practice has been updated to clarify the rules surrounding private PGDs.

The guidance is available on the Drugs and Prescribing page on the BMA website and can be downloaded [here](#).

### Read Codes:

The codes for the Men ACWY are as follows:

- 657J - Men ACWY vaccination
- 657J0 - First men ACWY vaccination
- 657J1 - Second men ACWY vaccination
- 657J2 - Third men ACWY vaccination
- 657J3 - Fourth men ACWY vaccination
- 657J4 - Men ACWY vaccination given by other healthcare provider
- 657J5 - Men ACWY vaccination declined

With best wishes,

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