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Dear Colleague

RE: From 1st July Hib/MenC not available in Wales

It has been bought to our attention that the following UKHSA PGDs contain information that is not relevant to Wales that you may wish to consider when adopting these PGDs locally:

1. Meningococcal groups A, C, W and Y (MenACWY) Conjugate Vaccine PGD
2. Meningococcal groups A, C, W and Y (MenACWY) Conjugate Vaccine for Risk Groups PGD

Meningococcal groups A, C, W and Y (MenACWY) Conjugate Vaccine PGD

Please refer to p15:

Special Consideration and additional information section states the following:
"Impact of changes to the childhood immunisation programme from 1 July 2025 and discontinuation of Menitorix® (Hib/MenC). Note that Hib/MenC will not be routinely offered to children turning one year of age on or after 1 July 2025, with a date of birth on or after 1 July 2024. The Hib/MenC vaccine is no longer expected to be in circulation beyond April 2026 and may be offered to children born on or before 30 June 2024, **until all supplies of the Hib/MenC vaccine have been exhausted**. Practitioners should remain vigilant to the possibility that a young child requiring MenACWY for outbreak purposes may remain eligible for Hib/MenC. Where appropriate, advise the parent or legal guardian that a minimum 4-week interval is preferable before the Hib/MenC dose is given to further boost immune response to the MenC component. Where vaccination with MenACWY is urgently required – for example, as part of an outbreak response, both vaccines may be administered at any interval.

If there is a concern that the child maybe lost to follow-up, Hib/MenC maybe given at the same appointment if the dose is due. The benefit of ensuring the child is protected against Hib outweigh reduced immunogenicity of the MenC component in both vaccines. See the Hib/MenC PGD."

NONE OF THE ABOVE APPLIES TO WALES due to the **HARD STOP of Hib/MenC vaccine (Menitorix®) from 1st July 2025**. Therefore, there is no risk of co-administration of Hib/MenC and MenACWY vaccines.

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Meningococcal groups A, C, W and Y (MenACWY) Conjugate Vaccine for Risk Groups PGD

Please refer to p13:

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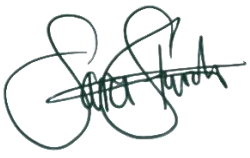
Note that Hib/MenC will not be routinely offered to children turning 1 year of age on or after 1 July 2025, with a date of birth on or after 1 July 2024. The Hib/MenC vaccine is no longer expected to be in circulation beyond April 2026 and may be offered to children born on or before 30 June 2024 until **all supplies of the Hib/MenC vaccine have been exhausted**. Practitioners should remain vigilant to the possibility that a young child may have been immunised with Hib/MenC beyond 1 July 2025 or that they remain eligible to receive the vaccine. Where applicable, advise the parent or legal guardian that a minimum interval of 4 weeks is preferable before the Hib/MenC dose is given to further boost immune response to the MenC component. If there is a concern that the child may be lost to follow-up, both vaccines may be given together. See the Hib/MenC PGD."

NONE OF THE ABOVE APPLIES TO WALES due to the **HARD STOP of Hib/MenC from 1st July 2025**. Therefore, there is no risk of co-administration of Hib/MenC and MenACWY vaccines.

PLEASE NOTE: England will continue to use Hib/MenC vaccine until their stocks are exhausted.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for ensuring the smooth transition of the childhood schedule changes.

Yours sincerely,



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