Advisory document to support the delivery of Meningococcal group B (MenB) vaccine urgent time limited offer in accordance with the National Immunisation Programme in Wales

We gratefully acknowledge UKHSA for their permission to use their MenB vaccine (Bexsero®) offer Autumn 2026 PGD as a reference resource across NHS Wales, to be used alongside this associated advisory document.

Individual Summaries of Product Characteristics (SmPCs) may differ in their licensed indications from official vaccination policy as specified in the Green Book and Welsh Policy.

On these occasions, Green Book recommendations should take precedence and provides the rationale for any off-label use. Practitioners using authorised PGDs should also be familiar with the relevant chapters of the Green Book, SmPCs and Welsh Policy, and be constantly alert to any subsequent recommendations from Public Health Wales and/or Welsh Government and other sources of medical information.

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The relevant amendments, governance and sign off for any PGD is the responsibility of the authorising organisation in Wales.

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MenB vaccine (Bexsero®): one-off, time-limited offer Autumn 2026 patient group direction template

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Section 2. Organisational authorisations	
Organisational authorisation in section 2 of the UKHSA PGD is not valid in Wales and there is no editable field within section 2. Local policy and procedures should be followed for local authorisation of the PGD (Patient Group Directions (PGD) - Welsh Medicines Advice Service).	
Section 4. Clinical condition or situation to which this PGD applies	
Clinical condition or situation to which this PGD applies	~~Indicated for the active immunisation against *Neisseria meningitidis* group B in accordance with the national recommendations (see Bipartite letter) for~~ ~~• individuals born between 1 September 2007 and 31 August 2008 (in Year 13 age group in the academic year 2025/26)~~ ~~• those born on or after 21/07/2001 who will be attending university as undergraduates for the first time in Autumn 2026~~ ~~those born on or after 21/07/2001 who will be starting in further education settings for the first time in Autumn 2026 **and** will be living in further education accommodation or halls of residence~~ Indicated for the active immunisation against *Neisseria meningitidis* group B in accordance with the national Meningococcal B (MenB) vaccination programme: urgent time-limited response to recent outbreaks in accordance with the Welsh Health Circular (WHC/2026/026).
Criteria for inclusion	~~Individuals who:~~ ~~• are born between 01/09/2007 and 31/08/2008 (in Year 13 age group in the academic year 2025/26)~~ ~~• are first time HERFE entrants in the academic year 2026-27, born on or after 21/07/2001and are:~~ ~~o attending university as undergraduates or~~ ~~o who will be starting in further education settings and will be living in further education accommodation or halls of residence~~ ~~**and** present acceptable evidence at their initial vaccination appointment that they are due to attend HERFE for the first time in the academic year 2026-27. Refer to the Bipartite letter for evidence required for eligibility.~~ ~~Those working under this PGD should consult the Bipartite letter for details of the residential further education settings for which students in England are eligible.~~

	The MenB vaccination should be offered to: • Cohort 1: all individuals born between 01/09/2007 and 31/08/2008 (17 to 18 years old) • Cohort 2: individuals born on or after 21/07/2001 (turning 25 on or after 21/07/2026) and are due to start undergraduate higher education OR residential further education, for the first time in autumn 2026, including international students and those from the UK Devolved Administrations and Crown Dependencies. in accordance with the WHC/2026/026

Additional References

- Welsh Government. Health circulars. Available from https://www.gov.wales/health-circulars [accessed 29 June 2026]