# Advisory document to support the delivery of Pneumococcal polysaccharide conjugate (20-valent, adsorbed) vaccine (PCV20) in accordance with the National Immunisation Programme in Wales

**We gratefully acknowledge UKHSA for their permission to use their PCV20 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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## Additional clinical conditions or situations to which this advisory document applies

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| Section 4. Clinical condition or situation to which this PGD applies | |
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| **Criteria for inclusion** | The following definition of individuals experiencing homelessness does NOT apply in Wales:<br><br>• individuals experiencing homelessness who are rough sleepers and those using hostels for the homeless or night shelters<br><br>The following definition of individuals experiencing homelessness DOES apply in Wales:<br><br>Individuals of any age (providing there is no contra-indication identified in clinical review) who:<br><br>• are sleeping rough<br>• are in emergency accommodation<br>• are recently homeless in supported accommodation*<br><br>*Supported accommodation means accommodation provided to individuals who require support to live independently, where that support is provided in connection with the accommodation. This includes but is not limited to, accommodation where support is provided to assist individuals to maintain or secure housing, manage health or wellbeing, develop independent living skills, or access employment or other services, regardless of the type of provider or tenure. "Support" includes but is not limited to the provision of care, supervision advice, training, guidance and counselling.<br><br>**Note**: this definition differs from the Green Book: Pneumococcal chapter and instead aligns with the definition used for delivering the National Influenza Immunisation Programme to individuals experiencing homelessness in Wales. |

## Additional References


- Welsh Government. Health circulars. Available from https://www.gov.wales/health-circulars-2024-2027 [accessed 29 July 2026]