Advisory document to support the delivery of Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPV23) in accordance with the National Immunisation Programme in Wales

We gratefully acknowledge UKHSA for their permission to use their PPV23 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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Section 4. Clinical condition or situation to which this PGD applies	
Criteria for inclusion	Within Wales, eligibility is extended to the following groups, regardless of age (provided no contraindications are identified following clinical assessment): Individuals who are experiencing homelessness, defined as those who are: • sleeping rough • in emergency accommodation • recently homeless in supported accommodation* *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. **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]