

Early Years Childhood Immunisation Project – Manager Information Sheet

What is the Early Years Childhood Immunisation Project?

The main purpose of this project is to enable and empower staff working in Early Years settings to effectively raise awareness and promote uptake of pre-school vaccinations, including MMR, among parents and carers.

The project is designed to safeguard the health and well-being of young children and staff in Early Years settings against infectious diseases by encouraging immunisation, particularly MMR Vaccine, ensuring all children and staff are up to date with their vaccinations creating environments where children are not only educated but also protected.

The project includes free training and resources for you and your staff to support the promotion of childhood vaccinations. The project is being delivered by the SCW Improving Immunisation Uptake (IIU) Team and is funded by NHS England.

What is on offer?

- A one-hour virtual training session for staff (6 dates and times available)
- An electronic *Childhood Immunisations - a guide for Early Years providers*
- A support pack with further resources
- Signposting to trusted reliable resources

What are the benefits for you and your setting?

- Increase confidence in having vaccine conversations and signposting parents / carers to reliable information
- Raised awareness of vaccinations within the setting
- Reduced risks of outbreaks and infections
- Fulfilling duty of care: Proactively protecting the welfare of children
- Reduced staff sickness absences resulting in a healthier environment
- Evidence of continuing professional development: Fulfilling requirements for OFSTED
- Support in achieving compliance with Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) requires staff to have a robust understanding and knowledge of common childhood illnesses and immunisation
- **Make a difference for your community**

Why is this project being funded?

Early years settings such as yours have strong relationships with parents/carers and are a trusted source of information for them. With support from this project, you and your staff can make a real difference to the health and welfare of children and those around them by promoting vaccinations. The NHS Vaccination Strategy for England is aiming to improve access to vaccinations, and this project will help to work towards this aim.

Next steps

1. Nominate an Immunisation Champion with an interest in child health and welfare who can attend the training session to be able to:
 - Encourage staff attendance at the childhood immunisation training
 - Promote and raise awareness of the importance of vaccinations among parents/carers and members of staff
 - Address concerns or misunderstandings about vaccines among parents/carers and members of staff
 - Be a key contact for health care providers so that updated information is shared with parents/carers
2. Book onto your sessions via Ticket Taylor:
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/nhssouthcentralandwestcsu/1810823>
3. Contact the Improving Immunisation Uptake team for further information if needed via
scwcsu.improvingimmsuptake.projects@nhs.net

