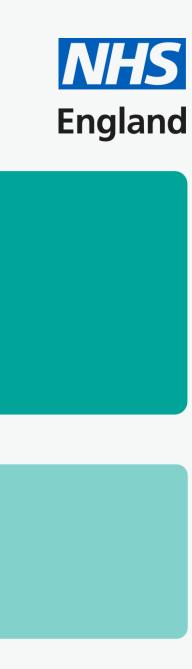


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Childhood Vaccinations



Roles & Responsibilities for Childhood Immunisations

Local Authority & DPHs: Oversight & Scrutiny

- Local authorities are responsible for providing oversight and scrutiny of the Immunisation arrangements of NHS England, UKHSA and providers, and play an important role in promoting immunisation through services they commission and a range of local channels including newsletters, social media and community champions.
- Local authority public health teams deliver population health initiatives including improving access to health and engagement and promotion of immunisations overall.

DHSC: Strategic Direction

- The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) provides national strategic oversight of vaccination policy in England, with advice from the independent Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) and the Commission on Human Medicines.
- DHSC also set performance targets

NHSE: Commissioning & performance management

- NHS England is responsible for commissioning national immunisation programmes in England under the terms of the Section 7a agreement, National Health Service Act 2006.
- NHS England is accountable for ensuring that local providers of services deliver against the national service specifications and meet agreed population uptake and coverage levels.
- NHS England is also responsible for monitoring providers' performance and for supporting providers in delivering improvements in quality and changes in the programmes when required

UKHSA: Disease Surveillance and Outbreak Management

- The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) undertakes surveillance of vaccine preventable diseases and leads the response to outbreaks of vaccine preventable disease.
- UKHSA provide expert advice to NHSE immunisation teams in cases of immunisation incidents.

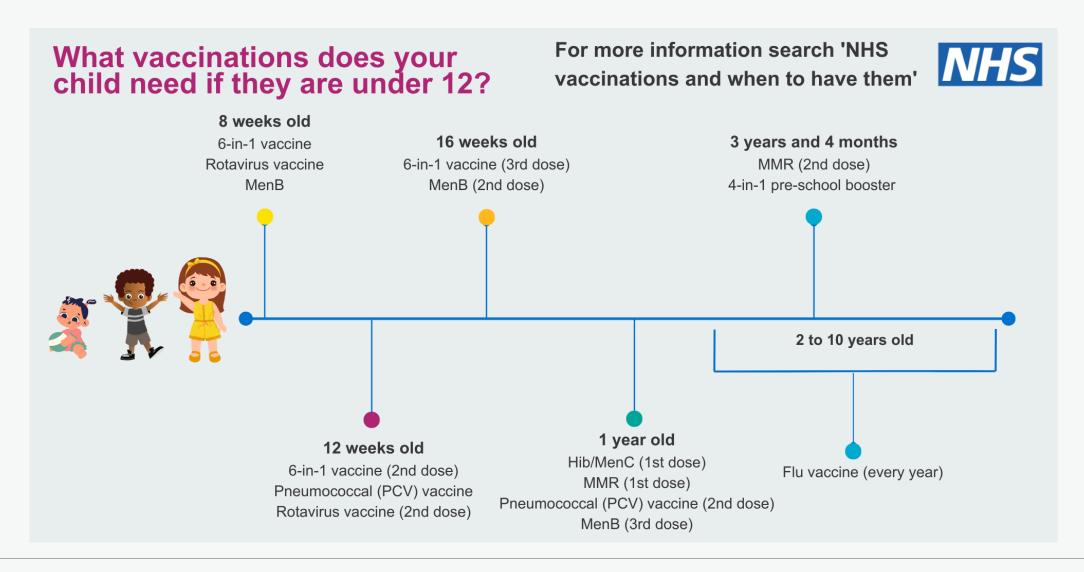
ICBs & ICSs: Quality Improvement & Partnership Working

- Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) & ICBs have a duty of quality improvement, and this extends to primary medical care services.
- ICBs provide opportunities for improved partnership working across NHSE (London), local authorities, voluntary and community sector partners to improve immunisation uptake and reach underserved areas and populations.
- NHSE (London), alongside ICBs, local authorities and others, are working to progress delegated commissioning for vaccination and screening.
- The structures and resources have not yet been confirmed but it is anticipated that the first wave of delegation of the commissioning of immunisation services will be over course of 2024/25.

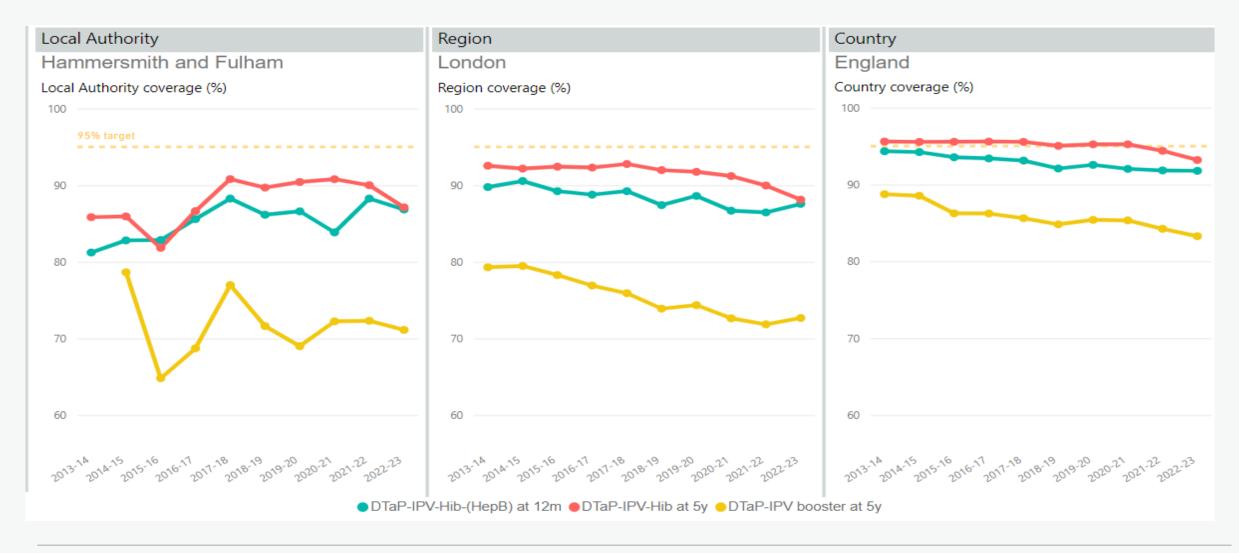
Provider Immunisation Delivery

- Pre-school and adult vaccinations are usually delivered by GP surgeries. They are commissioned through the NHS GP contract.
- Five core GP contractual standards have been introduced to underpin the delivery of immunisation services: 1. a named lead for vaccination service; 2. provision of sufficient convenient appointments; 3. standards for call/recall programmes and opportunistic vaccination offers; 4. participation in national agreed catch-up campaigns; 5. standards for recordkeeping and reporting.
- One of the five Quality and Outcomes
 Framework domains is childhood
 vaccinations and shingles vaccination,
 rewarding GP practices for good practice.
- School age immunisations are commissioned by the seven regional NHS England teams and delivered through School Age Immunisation Services (SAIS).
- Vaccinations are also provided by maternity services, some outreach services and community pharmacies.

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Vaccination Coverage – 6 in 1 vaccine* and booster



^{*}Protects against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, Haemophilus influenzae B & hepatitis B

Vaccination Coverage – measles, mumps & rubella (MMR)



Key Actions - London

MMR/polio catch up campaign:

Identified >320,000 children either missing or only partially vaccinated for MMR across London.

Call centres and additional clinics set up focusing on nursery (1-4 years) and schools (5 to 12 years). Called almost 10,000 families who have unvaccinated children

Schools in measles
hotspot areas where have
been outbreaks or high
rates of under vaccination
have been called and
vaccinated first

Protected thousands of unvaccinated children against measles. In the last quarter alone an additional 14% of eligible children were immunised.

Digital marketing campaign targeting those most at risk

Key Actions – integrated care board (ICB) & local authority

- NWL roving team running outreach clinics for underserved groups across the ICB footprint alongside out of hours (OOH) hubs run at primary care network (PCN) level.
- Utilisation of the new NWL childhood dashboard at borough, PCN and GP practice level to identify local trends and issues
- Solution focused workshop on childhood immunisation held with key partners from across NWL to develop a shared understanding of the challenges and opportunities around childhood vaccinations.
- Hammersmith and Fulham shares an Immunisation Co-ordinator with Bi borough, working with multiple stakeholders to increase immunisation uptake.
- Focused areas of work to address inequalities within underserved groups which we see across all vaccination programmes – see main paper.
- LA-led outreach with faith communities, homeless hostels and asylum centres
- Artwork explaining how the immune system works

Seasonal Vaccinations

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Flu and COVID-19 vaccinations

Offered to those at higher risk of getting seriously ill from these illnesses including those who:

- •are aged 65 or over (including those who will be 65 by 31 March 2024)
- have certain health conditions or a learning disability
- are pregnant
- •live with someone who has a weakened immune system
- are a carer
- are a frontline health or social care worker
- live in a care home

Most children can get the <u>children's flu vaccine</u>. This includes children who were aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2023, school-aged children (Reception to Year 11) and children with certain health conditions.

Key Actions

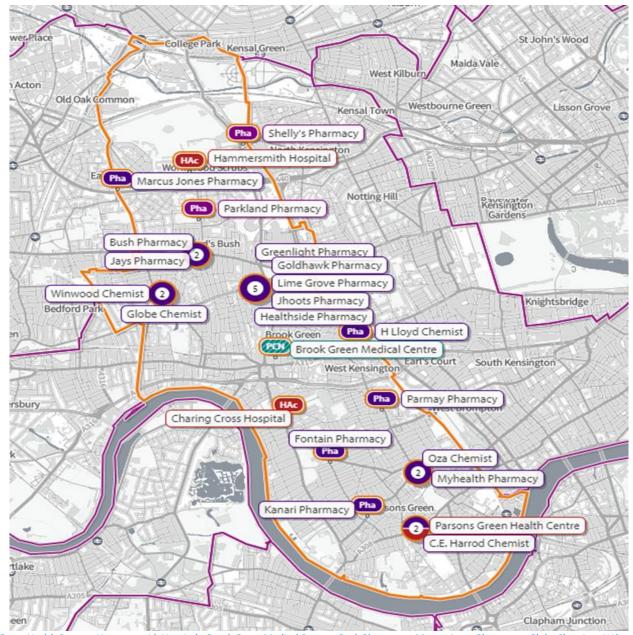
- The flu season has now started with providers receiving flu vaccines enabling early vaccinations to take place for those most vulnerable to infection.
- Co-administration (flu and COVID) opportunities maximised through aligning delivery of vaccines and administration at PCN or GP Practice level, through expansion of community pharmacy estate and through a roving team offer to care home and housebound patients
- New COVID vaccine has been made available to tackle the new variant
- Large numbers of new community pharmacies included in the programme for this season
- Communications resources for staff page and flu resources & myth busters published on NWL website
- Allergy pathway for Non-mRNA vaccine implemented
- LA-led 2nd year of intensive educational and empowerment programme with nursing home staff to encourage and improve flu and Covid uptake

Summary of NWL ICB Winter Vaccination plan

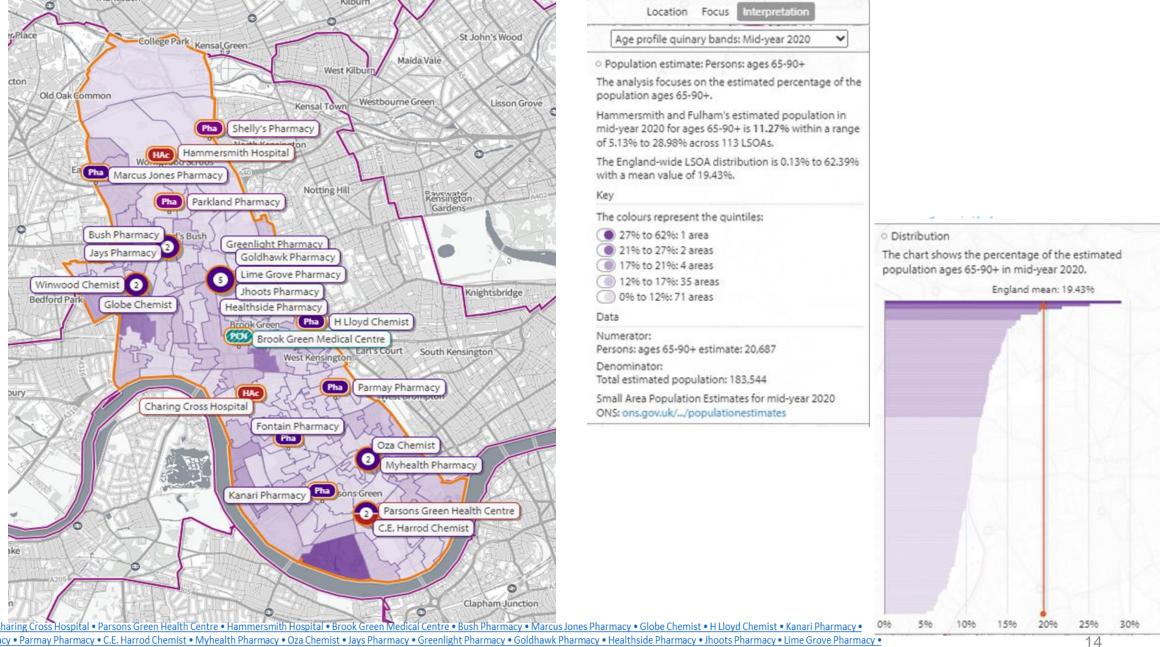
Overview

- The NWL infrastructure for the Autumn / Winter campaign currently sits at **185 locations** which incorporates, hospital hubs, PCN-led sites, vaccinations centres and community pharmacies.
- Most available capacity in **NWL (79%) is focused around community pharmacy locations** which at the time of writing total 158 with 97 being new to the COVID vaccination programme. The approval and on-boarding of community pharmacies is the responsibility of NHS London and based on the current timeline we expect all new and existing sites to be approved and on-boarded by the 15th September 2023 at the latest.
- Demand and capacity modelling for NWL has identified a weekly capacity of over 90,000 meaning that there is sufficient capacity across the system based on an initial 7 week delivery schedule and an assumed uptake of 47.8%. Surge planning with each site has identified an additional weekly capacity of 91,925 enabling NWL to flex delivery up to 182,725 vaccinations per week if required.
- Co-administration opportunities have been maximised through three specific delivery models: 1. PCN or GP Practice delivery; 2. expansion of community pharmacy estate; 3. a roving team offer to care home and housebound patients.
- Qualitative and quantitative data will inform NWL's approach to communication and engagement across the course of the campaign and
 early use of these data sources will help identify where resources might be more appropriately targeted to support uptake especially amongst
 communities with historically low vaccine uptake.
- The NWL immunisation Team have utilised both regional and ICB inequalities data to understand how a more comprehensive offer might be provided to its underserved communities including specific outreach interventions framed around the NWL roving team.
- The NWL roving team will continue to play a pivotal role in the AW campaign and operationally the team have planned resources around an initial intensive 6-week delivery programme for care home residents and housebound patients with the workforce expanded accordingly in order to meet the 22nd October completion deadline.

Map showing H&F Health Borough plotted with Active Sites for the Autumn 23 COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign



Map showing H&F Health Borough plotted with Active Sites for the Autumn 23 COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign with Population 65 plus plotted



Fontain Pharmacy • Parmay Pharmacy • C.E. Harrod Chemist • Myhealth Pharmacy • Oza Chemist • Jays Pharmacy • Greenlight Pharmacy • Goldhawk Pharmacy • Healthside Pharmacy • Indiana Pharmacy • Lime Grove Pharmacy • Control Winwood Chemist • Parkland Pharmacy • Shelly's Pharmacy (shapeatlas.net)

Next steps

Forward Plan

- Phase 2 polio/MMR programme is ongoing, catch-up campaign expected to conclude Q2 2024. Our focus will include how to embed learning from this catch-up programme into business-as-usual vaccination services.
- ICB developing plans for additional funding received from NHSE as part of phase 2 to deliver:
 - Communications/engagement activities that raise awareness of the childhood vaccination schedule and the importance, individual and community benefits of vaccination
 - Outreach activities for children aged 1-4 that contact families whose children are un- or undervaccinated for their age and offer a vaccination appointment/event
- ICB level operational working group meeting regularly to discuss delivery of all vaccination, immunisation and screening programmes.
- Review of funding models with LAs offering funding streams that allow for greater integration.
- Focused areas of work to address inequalities within underserved groups

Recommendations

- Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to note actions being taken
- As a partnership, we would welcome support in shaping regional work for the local population needs and context