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Vaccination Programme by Age Group in the UK, 2025–2026

The routine NHS vaccination schedule includes **babies, children, adolescents, adults and older adults**, plus additional vaccinations for **pregnant women** and **clinical risk groups**.

A. Babies (0–12 Months)

8 weeks:

- 6-in-1 (DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB)
- Rotavirus (oral)
- MenB

12 weeks:

- 6-in-1
- MenB
- Rotavirus

16 weeks:

- 6-in-1
- Pneumococcal (PCV)

Selective newborn vaccines (risk-dependent):

- Hepatitis B at birth (for infants born to hepatitis-B-positive mothers)
- BCG for babies in high-TB-incidence areas

B. Toddlers (12–18 Months)

1 year:

- MMRV (Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella) depending on date of birth
- Pneumococcal booster
- MenB booster

18 months (for children born on/after 1 July 2024):

- 6-in-1 booster
- MMRV

C. Pre-school Children (2–5 years)

Ages 2–15:

- Annual **children's flu vaccine** (nasal spray)

3 years 4 months:

- 4-in-1 pre-school booster
- MMRV booster

D. Adolescents (12–18 years)

Delivered mostly **in schools**:

- **HPV** (12–13 years)
- **3-in-1 teenage booster (Td/IPV)** (14 years)
- **MenACWY** (14 years)

Catch-up MMR is also offered if not fully vaccinated.

E. Adults (19–64 years)

Vaccines offered based on clinical need or risk:

- Hepatitis B for high-risk groups
- MMR catch-up for unvaccinated adults
- Travel vaccines (as required)

F. Older Adults (65+ years)

65 years:

- Annual flu vaccine

- Pneumococcal vaccine
- Shingles vaccine (Shingrix)

70–79 years:

- Shingles vaccine catch-up

75+ years:

- RSV vaccine
- Seasonal COVID-19 vaccination (spring and winter boosters)

G. Pregnant Women

- Flu vaccine (seasonal)
- Pertussis vaccine (around 20 weeks)
- RSV vaccine (from 28 weeks)

2. Who Is Responsible for Providing Vaccinations in the UK?

Vaccination responsibilities fall into **policy**, **commissioning**, and **delivery** functions across several national and local bodies.

A. National Policy & Scientific Oversight – UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA)

UKHSA is responsible for:

- Setting the **national immunisation schedule** and updating vaccine guidance.
- Providing national surveillance, evidence, and training standards.
- Supporting local systems to address vaccine inequalities (Immunisation Equity Strategy 2025–2030).

B. Commissioning & System Leadership – NHS England

NHS England is responsible for commissioning most immunisation programmes under the **Section 7A agreement**. This includes:

- Routine childhood and adult vaccinations
- School-aged immunisation services
- Enhanced services like flu and COVID-19 (commissioned separately)

From 2027, commissioning responsibility will transfer to **Integrated Care Boards (ICBs)**.

C. Local Delivery – Primary Care, Schools & Community Providers

1. General Practice (GP Practices)

GPs deliver:

- Routine childhood vaccines (0–5 years)
 - Adult vaccinations (flu, pneumococcal, shingles, MMR catch-up, etc.)
 - Vaccines for clinical risk groups
- GP practices must follow national vaccination and immunisation (V&I) standards.

2. School Age Immunisation Services (SAIS)

- Commissioned by NHS England to deliver **school-based vaccinations** (HPV, MenACWY, Tetanus/diphtheria/polio booster, flu for Years 7–11).
- SAIS teams also run **catch-up clinics** and vaccinate home-educated children.

3. Community Providers & Outreach Services

Immunisation delivery also occurs through:

- Community vaccination teams (0–19 services)
- Pharmacies (adult flu and some travel vaccines)
- Maternity services (whooping cough, flu, RSV in pregnancy)
- Outreach teams in underserved communities

4. Specialist Commissioned Providers

Vaccination UK has been commissioned to provide school-aged and newborn vaccination services in H&F

3. Summary

Age Group	Main Vaccines	Who Delivers Them?
Babies (0–1)	6-in-1, Rotavirus, MenB, PCV	GP practice & community vaccination teams
Toddlers (1–2)	MMRV, PCV booster, MenB booster	GP practice
Pre-school	Flu, 4-in-1 booster, MMRV	GP + school flu via SAIS (varies by area)
Adolescents	HPV, MenACWY, Td/IPV, flu	School Age Immunisation Services (SAIS)
Adults	MMR catch-up, Hep B (risk), travel	GP practices, pharmacies
Older Adults	Flu, pneumococcal, shingles, RSV, COVID boosters	GP practices, pharmacies, community teams
Pregnant Women	Flu, Pertussis, RSV	Maternity services, GP