

**Locally Enhanced Service for Ad Hoc Provision of Vaccinations
in relation to Infectious Disease Outbreak/Incidents**

Reference: LES 01

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1. Financial Details

This agreement is to cover the period of 2010/2011

On agreeing to participate the practices will receive a fee of £7.65 for each vaccination administered.

Practices will be responsible for reporting to the PCT all vaccinations claimed for under this enhanced service. .

2. Service Aims

Introduction

This specification sets out a Local Enhanced Service (LES) for GPs to vaccinate close contacts of a 'case' (person with disease), or others judged to be at risk of acquiring infection, to protect them during a disease outbreak. (This includes any patients immunised under recommendation from the Health Protection Agency)

Service aims

To provide vaccinations during an outbreak/incident for the following infectious diseases on the request and advice of the Public Health Department and/or the Health Protection Agency:

- Diphtheria
- Pertussis
- Haemophilus influenzae B
- Meningococcal groups A and C, W135, Y
- Hepatitis A and B (not for occupational health purposes)
- Polio
- Measles
- Mumps
- Rubella
- Smallpox (under individual agreement and specific training that would be provided in the event of a smallpox outbreak).
- Tetanus
- Varicella Zoster Vaccine
- Rabies
- Influenza

The Public Health/Health Protection Team will notify practices about an incident or outbreak in one of two circumstances:

- where there is an outbreak/incident which involves mass immunisation or distribution of prophylaxis (undertaken by PCT or HPA) and information is provided so that practices know what is happening and can advise patients accordingly
- an incident involving smaller numbers of people at risk and where the PCT/HPA are requesting individual practices to assist with prevention

of further disease; e.g. family contacts of a case or to help in immunising those who might slip through the large scale programmes.

This service may also be used to claim for any catch up vaccination campaigns that are initiated by Public Health. In this case practices will be advised of which vaccinations they can claim for.

Practices need to be aware that this service is not for travel vaccinations which all practices who have not opted out of the additional service for immunisation must provide. http://www.bma.org.uk/health_promotion_ethics/drugs_prescribing/InfoOnPrescrib0904.jsp?page=5

Level of service provision required

Each GP practice will need to make its own arrangements for service provision to ensure that the service is delivered.

3. Service Criteria

- I. The collection of activity related to the provision of this service including type of activity, number of contacts and who provides the service.
- II. Maintenance of adequate records of the service provided, incorporating all known information relating to any significant events.
- III. Each practice must ensure that all staff involved in providing any aspect of care under the scheme has the necessary training and skills to do so. In particular the following criteria for standards for nurses in general practice should be applied:

Training

- Receive annual mandatory training (e.g.) anaphylaxis, BLS, infection control)
- Immunisation and vaccination and assessed competency training and annual updates

Professional development support

- Be supported to work within their scope of competence
- Belong to a local practice nurse forum/group
- Have a source of professional advice and support available through the PCT.

Quality

- Have their competence in a new role assessed by a qualified assessor
- Regularly update protocols based on the latest national guidance
- Maintain a 'competence file' providing a safe record of what they can and cannot do.
- Carry out regular audits
- Evaluate patient satisfaction with nursing care

4. Ongoing Monitoring and Evaluation

The PCT, in partnership with the HPA, will need to monitor/evaluate the process to ensure that:

- The system is working to protect the public health, and that patients are able to obtain immunisation (and other interventions) as required.
- That work that is being paid for is undertaken which may involve occasional random audit.

5. Signature Sheet LES01

