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## Important Update: MenB (Meningitis B) Vaccine Availability

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We are aware of increasing concern about recent MenB cases in parts of England. Many parents are understandably asking whether **older children** can receive the MenB vaccine at their GP surgery.

**At present, GP practices cannot offer the MenB vaccine to older children.**

The NHS MenB vaccine is **only** offered as part of the routine infant schedule at:

- **8 weeks,**
- **12 weeks,**
- **1 year of age.**

### Why can't older children receive it at the GP?

There is **no NHS programme** allowing GP practices to vaccinate older children or teenagers against MenB unless they fall into a **specific clinical risk group**. Practices must follow national NHS and UKHSA vaccination guidelines.

If NHS England or UKHSA announce any changes to the MenB vaccination programme, we will **contact and invite all eligible patients**.

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### Where to find accurate, up-to-date information

#### NHS MenB Vaccine Information

Eligibility, schedule, and current guidance:

<https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/menb-vaccine-for-children/>

#### UKHSA MenB Programme Guidance

Clinical updates and immunisation programme details:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/meningococcal-b-vaccine-information-for-healthcare-professionals>

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**If you are worried about symptoms of meningitis or sepsis, please seek urgent medical help immediately.**