

2015/16 Meningococcal vaccination programmes

The table below summaries the detail of the new and amended meningococcal vaccination programmes for 15/16.

Meningococcal B (MenB) infants

Specification or SFE	Timeframe	Programme details	Cohort	Vaccine	Technical details	Payment details	Payment £
Service specification	1 September 2015 to 31 March 2016	<p>Routine 3 doses of vaccine at 2, 4 and 12 to 13 months (in line with routine childhood immunisations).</p> <p>Catch-up Opportunistic</p> <p>Leaflets to be provided by PHE.</p>	<p>Routine¹ 2, 4 and 12 to 13² months</p> <p>For a practice with 7,233 patients, based on 95% uptake this is on average 83 patients/249 vaccinations.</p> <p>Catch-up 1³: 3, 4 and 12 to 13 months</p> <p>Catch-up 2⁴: 4 and 12 to 13 months</p>	<p>Bexsero and prophylactic paracetamol⁵</p> <p>Dosage: 3 doses - 1 at 2, 4 and 12/13 months.</p> <p>JCVI recommend the first 2 doses provide the “primary course” and both are required to deliver protection for peak incidence at 5 months.</p> <p>Bexsero (GSK) supplied in a pre-filled 0.5 ml syringe.</p>	<p>Read codes available.</p> <p>CHIS and ImmForm.</p>	<p>Monthly from October.</p> <p>CQRS only.</p>	<p>£7.64 per dose plus £2.12*.</p> <p>Total fee £9.76</p>

* The additional fee of £2.12 per dose to recognise the urgency of implementation and delivery of the programmes and the additional workload this short lead in timeframe will mean for practices.

¹ Children born on or after 1 July 2015.

² Where the MenB programme refers to the dose at ‘12 to 13’ months, this means infants aged 12 months, up to the day before they become 14 months.

³ Catch-up 1 – children born between 1 May – 30 June 2015.

⁴ Catch-up 2 – children born between 1 and 30 June 2015.

⁵ JCVI recommend prophylactic paracetamol at the time of vaccination (at 2 and 4 month doses, administered at home), with a further 2 doses at 4-6 hour intervals. 5 ml sachets will be available to order via ImmForm for the first visit only.

Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY)

Specification or SFE	Timeframe	Programme details	Cohort	Vaccine	Technical details	Payment details	Payment £
Service specification	1 August 2015 to 31 March 2016	One dose Call and recall required. Leaflets to be provided by PHE.	17-18 year olds (18 years by 31 august 2015). For a practice with 7,233 patients, based on 95% uptake this is on average 79 vaccinations.	Conjugate vaccine. Mevero or Nimenrix (both from GSK).	Read codes available. CHIS and ImmForm.	Monthly from September. CQRS. GPES support - tbc.	£7.64 per dose plus £2.12*. Total fee £9.76

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Meningococcal University freshers

Specification or SFE	Timeframe	Programme details	Cohort	Vaccine	Technical details	Payment details	Payment £
Service specification	1 April ⁶ 2015 to 31 March 2016	One dose Opportunistic Letters to be sent to freshers by UCAS.	19 years on 31 August 2015 up to the age of 25 years by 31 March 2016.	Conjugate vaccine. Mevero or Nimenrix (both from GSK).	Read codes available.	Monthly from September. CQRS.	£7.64 per dose ⁷ .

The new and amended service specifications will be available to download from the [NHS England website](http://www.nhs.uk). The vaccinations and immunisation programmes guidance and audit requirements and the technical requirements documents will also be updated and will be available via: www.nhsemployers.org/vandi

⁶ Although the start date for this programme is 1 April 2015, implementation was put on hold to 1 August 2015 to allow for the roll-out of the programme with the new quadrivalent MenACWY vaccine.

⁷ There is no additional fee for the freshers vaccination programme. The payment is a flat fee of £7.64 per dose.