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Subject: Guidance on data sharing for vaccination in schools

Dear Head Teacher,

Thank you for your continued support in delivering school-aged vaccination programmes. Your contribution protects the health of children and young people across London and reduces inequalities in vaccination uptake. Your support—particularly in facilitating access to pupils, engaging parents, and sharing information—is vital to the programme and ensures that all children are offered timely vaccination.

Education teams and Heads have told us they would like information, guidance and references on their role in delivering vaccination.

Below is a summary of some of the queries we receive from schools and parents about statutory duties, delegations and the legal context and background.

The full guidance and further details including data sharing can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/supporting-immunisation-programmes>

Lawful basis for data sharing

As part of the immunisation planning and delivery process, we ask schools to provide to vaccination teams the class lists and parental and carer contact details. This includes students full name and date of birth and the name and contact details of the parent or carer. This is done to ensure every child is given the opportunity for vaccination. The purpose of this sharing is to ensure the immunisation team can communicate directly with parents and carers and to distribute necessary information and manage consent.

To ensure that all families and children have equal access to vaccination, the immunisation provider may also request to contact parents or carers where there has been no response to the offer of vaccination. This is conducted in line with [NICE best practice guidelines](#).

The lawful basis for sharing this information is under **Article 6(1)(e) UK GDPR** – processing necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority. **GDPR Article 9(2)(h)** - processing is necessary for medical diagnosis, the provision of health or social care or treatment or the management of health or social care systems and **GDPR Article 9(2)(i)** - processing is necessary for reasons of public interest in public health.

Supporting vaccination programmes forms part of a school's role in contributing to public health protection and safeguarding the wellbeing of pupils. Schools do not need to obtain parental consent in order to share relevant personal data (e.g. class lists and contact details) for the purposes of delivering vaccination programmes.

Introduction of the new NHS digital platform

Our vaccination providers have adopted a new national digital consent system called MAVIS (Manage Vaccinations in Schools) designed to support school-aged vaccination delivery. Key features of MAVIS are that parents and carers consent directly via email or text, eliminating the need for paper-based forms or emails sent via the schools. In schools across North London, the MAVIS system is being implemented now with the school aged immunisation provider, Vaccination UK. For South London school vaccination, MAVIS implementation will take place next year.

What this means for schools

There is no change for schools in the delivery of vaccination. Vaccination teams will continue to ask schools for up-to-date pupil lists and parental contact details to improve accuracy. Through MAVIS, parents and carers will be contacted directly to consent for vaccination. We greatly appreciate all of the practical support schools provide by giving space for vaccination sessions and helping the sessions run smoothly. Promoting and encouraging vaccination through school communication is critical to achieving lasting gains in vaccination uptake and community health.

A more detailed explanation is provided below. For further information please also see: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/supporting-immunisation-programmes>

Thank you again for your support.

Yours sincerely,



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