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Drug Alert - Enderix B

The Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) issued Drug Alert No 10 - Class 2 (EL (09) A/10) on 6th April 2009 relating to a batch of **Enderix B vaccine**. All stock of the affected batch is being recalled due to exposure to unacceptably low temperatures during distribution. This may render the vaccine ineffective.

DETAILS OF AFFECTED VACCINE

Product

Enderix B 1.0ml pre-filled syringe (Hepatitis B surface antigen 20 micrograms/ml) by GlaxoSmithKline UK

Batch number

AHBVB591BB

Expiry date

28/02/2011

Pack Size

10 syringes/carton

First distributed

09/03/09

ACTIONS FOR HEALTHCARE STAFF

Contact all patients known to have received vaccine from the affected batch (from 9th March onwards) and recall for revaccination.

Quarantine all unused stock and return for credit. GSK will contact all customers and make arrangements for collection and replacement stock. There are adequate stocks of replacement syringes available.

Report any adverse effects to GSK Safety Department on 0800 221 441 (although there are no expected safety concerns about the affected batch or revaccination)

Inform recipients that they should contact GSK Customer Contact Centre on 0808 100 9997 with any general enquiries.

HPV uptake

Provisional data from Information Services Division show a very good uptake of this vaccine among girls at school. The uptake rate for first dose of HPV in NHSGG&C is 93.1% compared to a national rate of 92.2%. The uptake rate for the 2nd dose is 88.3% compared to a national rate of 87.8% although it is expected that this will increase further during the mop-up exercise later in this and subsequent school years. Girls born between 1st September 1990 and 28th February 1993 who have left school and/or missed any doses at school can access this vaccine by phoning the helpline **0800 015 0345 between 10am and 4pm**.

Hib (nearly caught) catch-up

Primary care staff will recall that in August 2007 the Scottish Government announced a national time-limited campaign of giving an additional dose of Hib vaccine to children born between 4th April 2003 and 3rd September 2005. This campaign started on 5th November 2007 and was to continue until 3rd March 2009.

Recent data from the Child Health Screening Department show that over 4000 children in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde within this cohort have still not received pre-school booster with Hib. These children are listed on the 'Treatment Centre Queue Print' sent by the Screening Department to affected practices on a regular basis. To ensure that these children receive pre-school booster with Hib, **the time-limited campaign has been extended by six months to the end of September 2009 (see PGD update below)**

Practices are asked to check Queue Prints for these children and ensure that they are offered vaccine as soon as possible and preferably before the end of September.

Practice staff who have any enquiries about these children or want to run additional clinics and/or invite more children into existing clinics should contact the Child Health Screening Department on 0141 277 7616.

Pre-school booster

Supplies of Hib-free pre-school booster are now available for children who have completed their Hib-vaccine course. Holding centres will be supplying Infanrix-IPV *routinely* for pre-school booster

Ordering stock for Hib catch-up

Please note that when ordering Infanrix-IPV+Hib for the remaining 'catch-up' children, staff must now write **plus Hib** on the vaccine-order form (having first checked existing stock in the fridge). Centres will, otherwise, supply the Hib-free booster.

PGD update

Staff should note that the PGD for HPV has been amended to allow staff flexibility in spacing the 3 doses of HPV where scheduling difficulties arise (PGD ref no 2009/670).

A new PGD for Infanrix-IPV has also been circulated (PGD ref no 2009/669).

A 6-month extension to the Infanrix-IPV+Hib PGD has been arranged to cover those children not yet called for the catch-up Hib (see above).

