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Legionnaires' disease in NHSGGC

There have been 11 confirmed cases of Legionnaires' disease reported in NHSGGC since late June 2013. All are linked, directly or indirectly, to the Renfrew area. One of the three most recent cases is recovering in hospital, the other two are responding well to treatment at home. All the previous reported case have fully recovered. The Public Health Protection Unit (PHPU) is continuing to work closely with the Health and Safety Executive, Health Protection Scotland, Renfrewshire Council and other local authorities to identify a possible source of infection.

All active water cooling towers in the area have been treated with chemicals that kill the legionella bacteria as a precautionary measure and, in line with national guidance, a number of towers have been sampled for the legionella bacteria.

The PHPU has notified all community GPs and frontline hospital teams and asked that they keep this outbreak uppermost in their minds when dealing with patients displaying symptoms of headache, fever, dry cough, breathing difficulties, stomach pains and diarrhoea. See NHSGGC [Media Centre](#) for further updates

Deaths related to fake Ecstasy in NHSGGC

There have been a number of deaths in NHSGGC which have occurred over the last two months where the victims appear to have ingested what they thought was an ecstasy tablet but actually contained toxic stimulants. Formal investigation into the deaths is underway and with NHSGGC, the Police have issued a [warning](#) about drugs being sold as 'Ecstasy'.

! Men C travel advice for MSM

An outbreak (22 cases) of Men C among men who have sex with men (MSM) in New York (2010-13), 3 cases in Berlin (Apr/May2013) and 3 cases in Paris (June 2013) have prompted Public Health England to advise clinicians to consider [Men C vaccination in MSM who are travelling](#).

Individuals who are under 25 years and have not received a meningococcal C vaccine should be vaccinated.

MSM aged over 24 years travelling to New York City and who have not received a meningococcal containing vaccine may wish to discuss their individual risks with their GP/health adviser and consider the need for vaccination (preferably MenC vaccine). (Travel to New York City is not a risk in itself, but factors associated with the New York City outbreak include having regular intimate contact with multiple male partners met through a website, smartphone application, bar or party, and being HIV positive).

NB: The vaccine is currently available for all unvaccinated individuals up to age 25

Men C vaccine poster

Public Health Wales has published a very helpful [Men C vaccination poster](#) giving visual guidance on which brand on which brand of vaccine to use for specific age groups.

Herpes zoster vaccine

From 1st September 2013, a herpes zoster vaccine for people aged 70 years (routine cohort) and 79 years (catch-up cohort) is being introduced and a CMO letter is expected shortly. Please note that supplies of this vaccine are extremely limited with full delivery not anticipated until end of this year. Supply to practices will require to be capped according to availability and GPs are requested only to order the **minimum** required. Appointments with patients should only be arranged once practices have received vaccine.

Updated guidance on management & prophylaxis of rabies

Please note that [updated guidance](#) on prophylaxis and management of Rabies has recently been published by Health Protection Network (HPN).

Click on the link to read the [updated chapter in the Green Book](#)

Vaccine supplies

From September 2013 supplies of Fluenz® and Zostavax® for the new immunisation programmes will be delivered by an external contractor rather than by our own GGC transport from the Pharmacy Distribution Centre. Customers should not be aware of any major differences and the normal delivery days to each practice remain the same. However to guarantee delivery customers require to strictly adhere to the cut-off times as indicated below. Any concerns regarding individual orders, irrespective of route of supply, should be made to the PDC tel 0141 347 8981, fax 0141 445 1513

Glasgow Practices	Routine Delivery Day	Vaccine requisition (last day/time for submission)
South West	Monday	Thursday 12noon
East	Tuesday	Friday 12noon
West	Wednesday	Monday 12noon
South East	Thursday	Tuesday 12noon
North	Friday	Wednesday 12noon
Renfrewshire Practices		
<i>Dispatched from PDC on Tuesday to RAH for onward delivery</i>	Wednesday	Friday 12noon
Inverclyde Practices		
<i>Dispatched from PDC on Wednesday to IRH for onward delivery</i>	Thursday	Monday 12noon
Dunbartonshire Practices		
<i>Dispatched from PDC on Monday to VOL for onward delivery.</i>	Tuesday	Thursday 12noon

Vaccine fridge aware

During the holiday period staff arrangements may result in changes to normal responsibilities. In addition practices may be particularly busy just now organizing the newly introduced rotavirus campaign. During the past few days we have observed an almost 10 fold increase in the number of fridge incidents reported to public health. Please encourage your staff to be particularly vigilant with cold chain procedures during this busy time. Please note a brief (20minutes) e learning module about the cold chain, including how to prevent incidents is available and we would encourage all staff involved in vaccines to undertake this. To access the course visit <http://nhs.learnprouk.com/> and register. Click on More Learning and the module is listed under Pharmacy tab.

MDA Alert Vacutainer ®

Clinical staff are asked to note that a [Medical Devices Alert regarding Vacutainer®](#) for blood sampling has been issued because of a reported problem where the retractable sleeve has failed to recover, leaked or fallen off. This has resulted in an increased risk to users of exposure to blood, and a risk of underfilling of blood collection tubes which could lead to unexpected results in some laboratory tests.

Immunisation seminars

Immunisation staff in primary care should note the date and venues of the NHSGGC [immunisation seminars](#) organised for August/September. Please book a place by clicking on the relevant venue link.

If you would like to comment on any aspect of this newsletter please contact Marie Laurie on 0141 201 4933 or at marie.laurie@ggc.scot.nhs.uk