

# PHPU Newsletter

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## Rubella screening in pregnancy ended 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016

It was reported in the previous newsletter that on the recommendation of the UK National Screening Committee, rubella susceptibility screening in pregnancy would **cease in Scotland from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016**. More details are contained in the recent [CMO letter](#).

## Flu vaccine distribution – new arrangements for 2016-17

The Scottish Government has recently written to all GP practices regarding the new arrangements for ordering seasonal flu vaccine for 2016-17. Central procurement of the vaccine has now ended and **OM Movianto**, a specialist healthcare logistics company, has been appointed to store and distribute the seasonal flu vaccine to GP practices for the 16/17 and 17/18 seasons. OM Movianto has an established track record of delivering vaccines throughout Scotland and is well equipped to manage delivery of the seasonal flu vaccine - a service they currently provide in Northern Ireland and England and Wales.

Please refer to the Scottish Government [letter](#) for more details

## Flu vaccine uptake by HSCP 2015 - 16

### HSCP Seasonal Flu Vaccine Uptake Averages - As at Week 13, 2016

HSCP	Over 65s	Under 65s In risk group	Pregnant Not in risk group	Pregnant In risk group	Pre-school
E Dun	75.9%	49.3%	57.5%	70.2%	54.2%
E Renfrewshire	75.8%	47.8%	59.6%	63.4%	51.9%
Inverclyde	74.1%	50.0%	56.6%	66.7%	49.4%
NE(Glasgow)	73.0%	48.6%	52.2%	66.5%	44.2%
NW(Glasgow)	73.0%	47.3%	59.6%	72.9%	47.6%
Renfrewshire	73.7%	47.5%	60.3%	67.6%	45.1%
South (Glasgow)	74.1%	47.9%	54.4%	65.1%	41.7%
W Dun	78.1%	53.5%	58.5%	63.0%	48.0%
<b>GGC</b>	<b>74.4%</b>	<b>48.6%</b>	<b>56.9%</b>	<b>67.1%</b>	<b>46.7%</b>
<b>SCOTLAND</b>	<b>74.5%</b>	<b>48.0%</b>	<b>49.9%</b>	<b>61.5%</b>	<b>47.7%</b>

Please note that these vaccine uptake estimates are based on automated extracts from 100% of Scottish GP practices.

Source: Health Protection Scotland; as at Week 13 2016 (end of March).

## Expired flu vaccine to be returned to PDC

Practices are asked to return, for disposal, any remaining flu vaccine which expires end of June 2016. Please do not return vaccine to the local pharmacy but clearly mark vaccines with the name of the practice, practice number and 'for disposal' and request uplift by PDC. Please inform PDC that uplift is required either by telephone (0141 347 8974) or fax (0141 445 1513).

Vaccines should be returned using the [pro forma](#). All the above, including proforma, is contained within [the letter](#) recently sent to all practices from the PHPU

## Rotavirus – new PGD with additional exclusion criteria

Staff should note that the [PGD for Rotavirus](#) has been updated and that there is an extra exclusion criterion - infants whose mothers have received immunomodulating biologics in pregnancy.

## Immunisation seminars 2016

Immunisation staff should note the dates and venues of PHPU's Immunisation Seminars in Summer 2016. Lunch will be served from 11.30am until 12 noon when the seminars commence. Please click on the links to book a place.

[Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August, 11.30am-2pm at The Adelphi Conference Centre, 12 Commercial Rd, Glasgow G5 0PO](#)

[Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August, 11.30am-2pm at David Lloyd, 242 Netherton Road, Anniesland, Glasgow, G13 1BJ](#)

[Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September, 11.30-2pm at David Lloyd, Renfrew, Arkleston Road, Renfrew, PA4 0RA](#)

[Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 11.30am-2pm at The Fullerton Suite, 1300 Tollcross Road, Glasgow, G32 8HH](#)

[Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 11.30am-2pm at The Tontine Hotel, 6 Ardgowan Square, Greenock, PA16 8NG](#)

## Shingles vaccine - uptake data

Herpes Zoster Vaccine Uptake Rates for Season 2015/2016, persons aged 70 and 78 years  
Cumulative data from 1 September 2015 - 31st May 2016

HSCP	70	78	Total
E Dun	57.0%	50.6%	54.2%
E Ren	47.2%	41.8%	44.9%
Inv	53.5%	48.3%	51.2%
NE	49.7%	41.7%	46.2%
NW	48.5%	43.1%	46.3%
Ren	50.4%	43.7%	47.6%
South	47.0%	43.5%	45.5%
W Dun	51.8%	45.1%	49.1%
<b>GGC</b>	<b>50.1%</b>	<b>44.3%</b>	<b>47.7%</b>
<b>SCOTLAND</b>	<b>51.9%</b>	<b>48.3%</b>	<b>50.4%</b>

These vaccine uptake estimates are based on automated extracts from 99% of Scottish GP practices and may change retrospectively.

*Source: Health Protection Scotland Herpes Zoster vaccine uptake automated extract as at 20/06/2016*

## Fridge management over Summer

The summer holiday season has started and GP practices should ensure that a suitably trained deputy for cold chain management is in place to cover colleague's annual leave. As many practice staff as possible should, ideally, complete the LearnPro Cold chain module. The module is quick and easy to complete in about 30 minutes and can be found on the [Learn Pro](#) or [LearnPro Community sites](#)

As temperatures rise, fridges have to work harder to maintain the cold chain between 2°C and 8°C. Older fridges especially will struggle. In the 2015/16 period 22 out of 29 cold chain incidents due to equipment failure involved fridges 5 years old and over.

- Ensure fridges are not kept in over-heated rooms
- Plan extra temperature checks throughout the working day if possible, especially in warm spells
- Monitor older equipment carefully
- Consider replacing fridges >5 years old. Contact Pharmacy Public Health Tel. 201 4424 / 4824 for advice

## Food Standards Scotland – safe cooking of chicken

At least 6000 people in Scotland suffer Campylobacter poisoning every year. The number, however, could be much greater. It's the most common cause of food poisoning and although it can be serious, food poisoning isn't regarded as a worry for three quarters of people in Scotland.

Campylobacter poisoning can cause diarrhoea, abdominal pain and fever, and sometimes vomiting or nausea.

The [Food Standards Scotland Agency](#) website has a short video on the safe preparation and cooking of chicken at BBQs

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