Publication Summary

HPV Immunisation Uptake Statistics for the Catch-up Programme

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About this Release

This is a one-off report summarising uptake rates for girls in the catch-up cohort, who were offered HPV immunisation during the three-year catch-up campaign (1 September 2008 to 31 August 2011). Data are presented by NHS Board and Community Health Partnership (CHP). HPV immunisation uptake rates for the S2 routine cohort in Scotland are published annually in September.

Key Points

- The HPV Immunisation Programme in Scotland started on 1 September 2008 and aims to help protect girls against developing cervical cancer later in life by routinely immunising them at around 12-13 years of age, in second year of secondary school (S2), through a school-based programme. A catch-up programme for older girls ran over the three-year period from 1 September 2008 to 31 August 2011 and applied to girls who were aged 13 to under 18 years on 1 September 2008. Girls who were vaccinated as part of the routine S2 programme are excluded from the catch-up cohort. By mid-August 2012, 73.9% of all girls in the catch-up cohort had received one dose of HPV immunisation, 71.0% had received two doses and 65.5% had completed the full three dose course.

Background

The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is designed to protect against the two types of HPV that cause around 70% of cases of cervical cancer. Girls need three doses over a period of six months to give them the best protection. The HPV vaccine does not protect against all cervical cancers, so regular cervical screening is still important. Until September 2012 the HPV vaccine used routinely in the UK immunisation programme was Cervarix®. In September 2012 the programme switched to Gardasil®. This vaccine also protects against two other types of HPV that cause around 90% of the cases of genital warts.

The HPV Immunisation Programme in Scotland started on 1 September 2008. The programme aims to protect girls by routinely immunising them at around 12-13 years of age, in second year of secondary school, through a school-based programme.

A catch-up campaign for older girls ran over a three-year period from September 2008 and applied to girls who were aged 13 to under 18 on 1 September 2008.

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