

Publication Summary



Childhood Immunisation Statistics

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About this Release

Vaccination programmes for children in Scotland aim both to protect the individual from many serious infectious diseases and to prevent the spread within the wider population. This publication provides a quarterly update of immunisation uptake rates for children at 12 months, 24 months, 5 years and 6 years of age, by NHS Board and Community Health Partnership for the quarter and financial year ending 31 March 2014. For the first time, the publication also includes provisional figures on rotavirus immunisation which show uptake is high for this programme which was introduced in July 2013.

Background

As a public health measure, immunisations have been hugely effective in reducing the burden of disease. It is of public health concern when immunisation rates fall, as this increases the possibility of disease transmission and, hence, complications arising from outbreaks of infectious diseases. In Scotland, the national immunisation programme target is for 95% of children to complete courses of the following childhood immunisations by 24 months of age.

- Diphtheria;
- Tetanus;
- Pertussis (whooping cough);
- Polio;
- Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib);
- Meningococcal group C (MenC); and
- Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV).

There is an additional national target of 95% uptake for one dose of the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine by five years of age (with a supplementary measure at 24 months). This target was introduced in 2006 to focus efforts on reducing the number of susceptible children entering primary school.

Further Information

The statistics in this update can be found in the [Data Tables](#) of this release. There is no Publication Report to accompany this quarterly release.

[Metadata and pre-release access information](#) is also available for this publication.

We also publish an [annual report on childhood immunisation uptake rates in Scotland](#) in March. The annual report presents statistics by calendar year and provides comprehensive commentary including an outline of the UK Childhood Immunisation Schedule, an explanation of trends in uptake rates and information on data accuracy.

Our quarterly publication timetable mirrors the release of [UK quarterly immunisation uptake rates](#) by Public Health England (PHE).

Further information on [Childhood Immunisation](#) is available on the ISD website.

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