

Publication Summary



HPV Immunisation Statistics Scotland

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About this Release

This release from the Information Services Division provides annual Human Papillomavirus (HPV) immunisation uptake rates for girls in S1 to S3 in 2014/15.

The HPV immunisation programme aims to protect girls from the two types of HPV that cause around 75% of cases of cervical cancer. The HPV vaccine does not protect against all cervical cancers, so regular cervical screening is still important.

Key Points

- HPV immunisation uptake rates in Scotland remain high and exceed 80%.
- In 2014/15, 11 of the 14 NHS Boards in Scotland offered girls in S1 one dose of HPV vaccine and uptake by the end of the school year was high at 89.0%.
- In 2014/15, all NHS Boards in Scotland offered girls in S2 the first dose of HPV vaccine and uptake by the end of the school year was high at 91.4%. In seven Boards and part of Fife (West Fife) girls in S2 were also offered the second dose of vaccine during the school year. Uptake of the second dose by the end of the school year was 82.7%.
- For girls who were in S2 in school year 2013/14 (S3 in 2014/15), one year later data shows uptake rates increased to 88.8% for all three doses, 92.5% for two doses and 94.4% for one dose by the end of school year 2014/15.

Background

In March 2014, the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) revised its existing recommendation and changed the HPV immunisation schedule from a three to a two dose schedule, as long as girls receive their first dose before age 15. Girls who have not had their first dose of HPV vaccine by the time they are 15 years old will continue to be offered three doses. The change in schedule from three doses to two doses took place from September 2014.

Routine HPV immunisation schedule:	
September 2008 to August 2014	Three doses of vaccine: second dose given at least one month after the first dose, and third dose given at least three months after the second dose
From September 2014	Two doses of vaccine: second dose given no sooner than six months and no later than two years after the first dose

Prior to school year 2014/15, girls in every NHS Board in Scotland were first offered the HPV vaccine at around 12 to 13 years of age, when they were in second year of secondary school (S2). From September 2014, under the revised immunisation schedule, Boards can now adopt slightly different timetables for when they offer the vaccine in schools. In 2014/15, 11 of the 14 Boards in Scotland offered the vaccine to girls in S1. All Boards offered girls in S2 the vaccine, with some Boards offering one dose during school year 2014/15 and some Boards offering two doses.

All girls in Scotland will be offered the appropriate number of doses within the recommended intervals according to the UK Childhood Immunisation Schedule. Girls who have not started, or are still to complete, their course of immunisations will be offered the vaccine in school year 2015/16.

Due to the changes in the HPV immunisation programme from September 2014, the rates for 2014/15 are not directly comparable with uptake rates published for previous years of the programme.

Gardasil® is the vaccine used in the immunisation programme. The Gardasil® vaccine also protects against two other types of HPV that cause around 90% of genital warts.

Further Information

Further information can be found in the HPV Immunisation [Statistics Report](#) or on the [ISD website](#)

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