

# Publication Summary



## Teenage Booster Immunisation Statistics Scotland

Teenage Td/IPV booster and teenage Men C booster  
immunisation uptake rates for school year 2014/15

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### About this Release

This publication from the Information Services Division provides annual teenage booster immunisation uptake rates for pupils in third year (S3) and fourth year (S4) of secondary school in 2014/15.

The teenage Td/IPV booster immunisation completes the course of childhood vaccines providing protection against tetanus, diphtheria, and polio. The teenage Men C vaccine boosts protection against meningitis and septicaemia (blood poisoning) caused by meningococcal group C bacteria.

In Scotland the teenage booster vaccinations are routinely offered to pupils in S3 at around 14 years of age. In most NHS Boards pupils not immunised in S3 are offered the vaccine(s) in S4.

### Key Points

- In 2014/15 uptake of the teenage Td/IPV booster vaccination among S3 pupils was 82.0%. This is a small decrease on the 2013/14 uptake of 84.2%.
- For pupils in S4 in school year 2014/15 uptake had reached 88.1% by the end of the school year. This is a small increase on the 2013/14 uptake for S4 pupils of 87.1%.
- Uptake of the teenage Men C booster vaccine among S3 pupils was 81.9% in 2014/15. This is a small decrease from the 2013/14 uptake of 83.6%.
- Uptake for pupils in S4 in school year 2014/15 is 87.4%. The teenage Men C booster was introduced to the routine immunisation schedule in September 2013 so this is the first S4 cohort offered the vaccine.

## Background

Vaccination programmes aim to protect the individual from many serious infectious diseases and to prevent the spread within the wider population.

The teenage Td/IPV booster immunisation has been part of the routine immunisation schedule for many years. From September 2013, teenagers are also offered a booster dose of MenC vaccine in S3, at the same time as the Td/IPV booster vaccine.

The Men ACWY vaccine replaced the Men C vaccine in the routine teenage booster immunisation programme from 1 August 2015. This change was in response to the increase in cases of meningococcal group W (Men W) in the UK since 2009.

These statistics are published as 'experimental statistics' as they were introduced relatively recently and are undergoing evaluation. The data completeness and quality issues are explained in the Publication Report.

## Further Information

Further information can be found in the [Teenage Booster Immunisation Statistics Scotland Report](#).

We also publish [data tables](#) with uptake rates by NHS Board and class year.

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## Feedback

Key to developing 'experimental statistics' is to obtain feedback from users to help inform their development. Readers are invited to send any comments on this publication summary and the publication report to [NSS.isdchildhealth@nhs.net](mailto:NSS.isdchildhealth@nhs.net).

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