How HPV immunisation statistics are used

**Health Protection Scotland (HPS)** uses the statistics to monitor the performance of the national HPV immunisation programme. It is of public health concern should immunisation rates decrease, as this makes the possibility of disease transmission more likely. HPS therefore use the statistics to inform decision making and planning in the co-ordination and strengthening of health protection in Scotland, and in the study of vaccine preventable diseases, for example see report on [Results from the first year of integrated public health monitoring of HPV immunisation and cervical cancer prevention in Scotland](July 2010)

**Public Health England** uses the statistics to report UK vaccine uptake rates.

The **Scottish Government** uses the statistics to monitor the performance of the national HPV immunisation programme; inform policy decision making on the programme; respond to parliamentary and public business. For example HPV immunisation uptake rates are considered in planning arrangements the national HPV immunisation programme each year. See [Scotland’s Chief Medical Officer (CMO) letter](June 2012).

**NHS Boards** and **local authorities** use the statistics to:
- Monitor the local performance of their immunisation programmes and report these in board reports
- Plan improvements to services e.g. identify actions
- In local information and public awareness initiatives

The statistics are also used nationally in campaigns and **media briefings** to raise public awareness.

Other users include:
- The **voluntary sector/charities and campaign groups**: for example, Jo’s Cervical Cancer Trust: [Call for urgent action on preventable disease as leading figures brought together for major scottish parliament event](
- **Academic researchers**: for example [HPV vaccination and cervical screening study](
- The **public**, for example parents interested in immunisation when their daughters are due to receive HPV vaccinations.
- The **media**: for example [New vaccine to fight HPV](
