

Men ACWY immunisation for school leavers 2017

Teenagers born between 01/09/1998 - 31/08/1999 (2017 school leaver cohort) are now eligible for urgent catch-up with MenACWY vaccination. These young people should be invited by their GP practice for vaccination as set out in the 2017/18 GMS contract changes.

There has been high media interest in the very sad death of Lauren Sandell. Lauren was in the vaccine eligible cohort that left school last year and was at university for less than two weeks before falling ill with MenW disease. She had not been immunised before leaving for university and sadly her case highlights the need to vaccinate with MenACWY before young people begin higher education. This will save lives.

MenW disease continues to increase overall. Around a third of MenW cases in unvaccinated 15-19 year olds have been fatal. There have, however, been no cases in teenagers vaccinated under the current programme. It is important that all of this cohort, not only school leavers and those going on to higher education, are invited for vaccination.

Meningococcal disease resources:

Leaving school or college – have your MenACWY Product code: MenACWY001

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/menacwy-school-leaver-flyer>

Protect yourself against meningitis and septicaemia – Leaflet Product code:2904173 Poster Product code: 2900508

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/meningitis-signs-and-symptoms-poster>

Meningitis and septicaemia poster for university entrants – Product code: 2748622

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/meningitis-and-septicaemia-poster-for-new-university-entrants>

In addition please see information about other immunisations for this age group

Measles, mumps and rubella resources

Measles – don't let your child catch it – European Immunisation week poster Product code 2900430

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/measles-dont-let-your-child-catch-it-poster>

Measles – it's not just a kids problem leaflet – Product code:3205760

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/think-measles-patient-leaflet-for-young-people>

Think measles poster Product code:3205852

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/think-measles-poster-about-measles-in-young-people>

Think measles and call ahead – young people poster

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/think-measles-poster-for-young-people>

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