

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND

THE HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME DIRECTIONS 2008

The Secretary of State for Health, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 8, 272(7) and (8) and 273(4) of the National Health Service Act 2006⁽¹⁾ (“the Act”), gives the following Directions:

Citation, commencement, application and interpretation

1.—(1) These directions, which may be cited as the Human Papillomavirus Immunisation Programme Directions 2008, shall come into force on 1st September 2008.

(2) These directions are given to Primary Care Trusts in England and apply in relation to England.

(3) In these Directions, “the Act” means the National Health Service Act 2006.

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2.—(1) Every Primary Care Trust must exercise the Secretary of State’s duty under section 3 of the Act (Secretary of State’s duty as to provision of services) (“the relevant function”) in accordance with Direction 3.

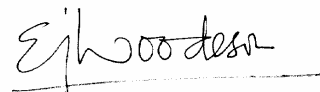
(2) In so far as the relevant function consists of providing or securing the provision of services in accordance with Direction 3, the services shall not be regarded as services referred to in regulation 3(7)(b) of the National Health Service (Functions of Strategic Health Authorities and Primary Care Trusts and Administration Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2002⁽²⁾.

Arrangements for human papillomavirus immunisation programme

3.—(1) Each Primary Care Trust must make arrangements to ensure, so far as reasonably practicable, that during each period of 12 months ending on 31st August in any year, every girl who will be aged 13 on the last day of that period is offered the opportunity to be vaccinated against cervical cancer causally related to human papillomavirus types 16 and 18.

(2) In making arrangements under paragraph 3(1), each Primary Care Trust must have regard to relevant guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health



28 August 2008

Date

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(1) 2006 c.41.

(2) S.I. 2002/2375; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2003/1497, 2004/865, 2006/359, 2006/562 and 2007/559.