
DIRECTIONS

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND
VACCINATION PROGRAMME DIRECTIONS 2009

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

Citation, commencement, application and interpretation

1.—(1) These Directions, which may be cited as the Vaccination Programme Directions 2009, shall come in to force on 1st April 2009.

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

(3) In these Directions—

“JCVI” means the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation(2);

“recommendation” means a recommendation to which regulation 2(3) of the Health Protection (Vaccination) Regulations 2009(3) applies; and

“vaccination” means vaccination or immunisation and “vaccine” and “vaccinated” shall be construed accordingly.

Arrangements to implement JCVI recommendations

2.—(1) Each Primary Care Trust must make arrangements to ensure, so far as reasonably practicable, that those individuals within its area who meet the criteria set out in a recommendation of the JCVI, are offered the opportunity to be vaccinated in accordance with that recommendation.

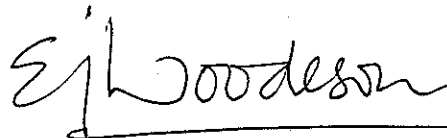
(2) For the purposes of this direction, a person (P) is offered the opportunity to be vaccinated in accordance with the recommendation where P is offered the opportunity to be vaccinated with such vaccine or vaccines as the Secretary of State determines is appropriate for the purposes of implementing the recommendation.

(3) In making arrangements under paragraph (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

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A member of the Senior Civil Service
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(1) 2006 c.41.

(2) The JCVI is a non-departmental public body first established in 1963 by the Secretary of State. It is a statutory expert Standing Advisory Committee constituted in England and Wales under the National Health Service Act 1977 (c.49) (now consolidated as the NHS Act 2006 c.41) and the National Health Service (Standing Advisory Committees) Order 1981 (S.I. 1981/597) as the Standing Advisory Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation.

(3) S.I. 2009/xxxx.