



England

# Vaccinations: opportunities and challenges for the next 5 years

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# Plan

1. Delegation plans
2. Health inequalities
3. National Vaccination Strategy – recent developments

# 1. Delegation

(note slides reflect current thinking and details may change)

# Background

## Roadmap

- 2025/26: close working (below)
  - VCOG (Vaccination Governance Operational Group) – operational (includes LA)
  - VGG (Vaccination Governance Group) – decision-making
- 2026/27: increased collaborative working (step-change)
- April 27: delegation to ICBs (subject to legislation)

## End-state:

- ICB Clusters
- Midlands Office of Pan-ICB Commissioning (OPIC)
- DHSC Regional Office
- DHSC National team

## Opportunities

- Opportunity to strengthen alignment to system prevention strategies, integrating vaccination provision into local community hubs/neighbourhood models, reaching into local communities and providing local access
- ICBs will be responsible for all NHS commissioned vaccinations

# Midlands Office of Pan-ICB Commissioning (OPIC)

- Provides specialist commissioning service
- Works on behalf of all ICB clusters
- Hosted by single ICB
- To include:
  - Vaccination
  - Screening
  - Health and Justice
  - Specialised Acute
  - Specialised Mental Health Learning Disability and Autism
  - High-Cost Drugs
- Delegation from April 27 – subject to legislative timetable

# 2. National Equity Audit

Published documents are here [National Immunisation programme: Health Equity Audit 2025 - GOV.UK](#)

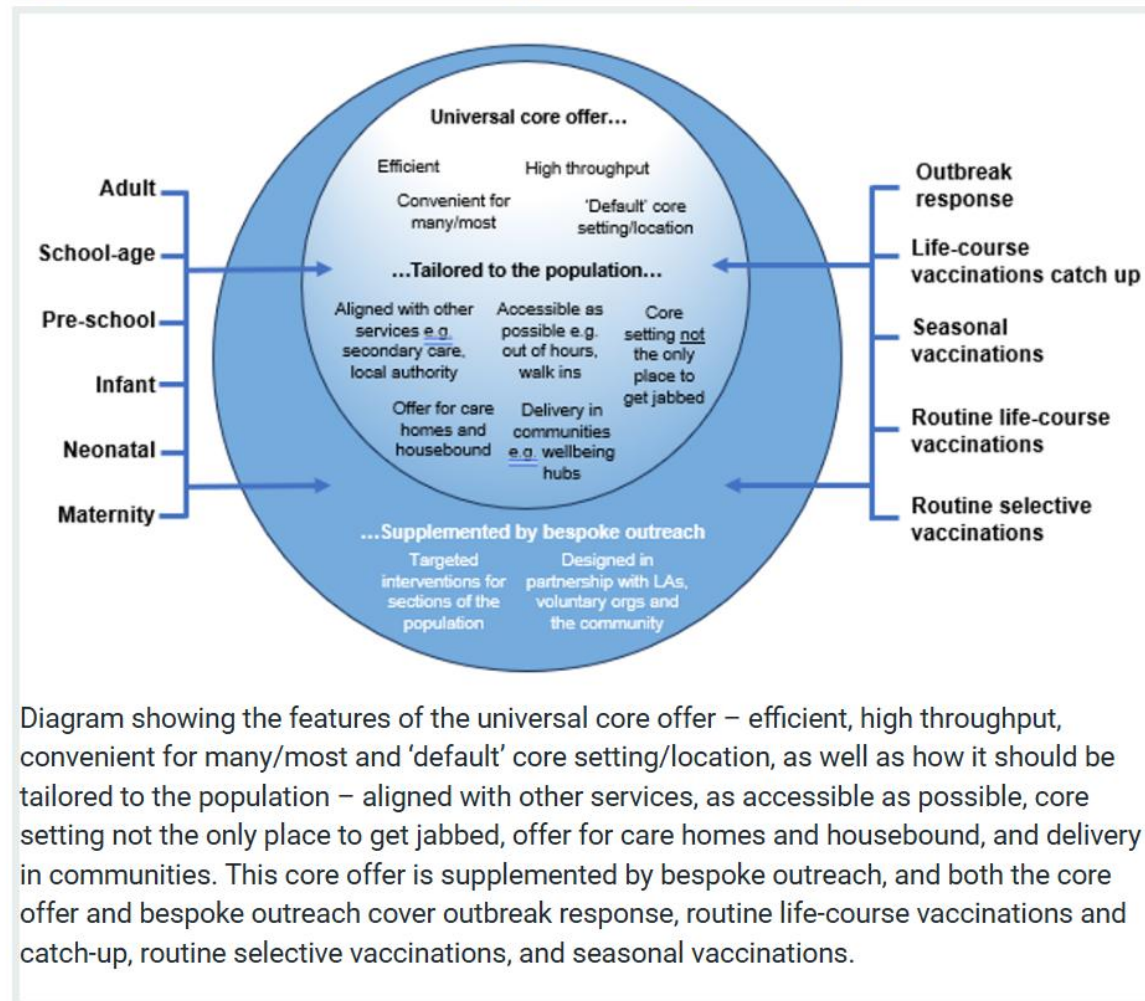
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This is the related national immunisation equity strategy: [UKHSA Immunisation Equity Strategy: commitments for 2025 to 2030 - GOV.UK](#)

# **3. National Vaccination Strategy**

# Outreach vaccinations

Figure 3: Core offer, tailored to the local population, supplemented by outreach services



- Recently concept of **core, supplementary and outreach** vaccine provision
- Outreach provision (domiciliary, pop-ups and mobile) needs to robustly demonstrate that those attending outreach are from underserved communities or wouldn't have used core services anyway.
- Difficulties in deciding what is considered cost-effective
- Initiatives
  - Health Visitor Pathfinders
  - Access and Inequality funding for vaccinations and screening

# Role of Community Pharmacies

[Do community pharmacies add value to immunization programs? A systematic review from the UK between 2015-2025](#)

[| medRxiv](#) - LSHTM

This article is a preprint and has not been peer-reviewed [what does this mean?]. It reports new medical research that has yet to be evaluated and so should *not* be used to guide clinical practice.

While CPs account for a growing share of vaccination delivery for certain seasonal programmes, there was **no evidence of an increase in coverage rates or reduced inequity in vaccine uptake**. **User acceptability of CP-delivery was high**, with convenience and accessibility cited. The few studies reporting comparator data suggest similar levels of favourability to GP-led delivery. Barriers included **fragmented data systems, logistical constraints, and high wastage rates**. No studies included evidence on cost-effectiveness. Some papers suggested CPs had the potential to reach underserved and multi-ethnic communities, but there was a lack of robust evidence for this.

# Supplementary and Outreach offer

- Competition vs collaboration between providers
- Improve the core offer vs supplementary/outreach
- Holistic offer
- Logistics
  - Vaccine delivery
  - Vaccine wastage
- Checking patient history
- Data flow back to GP practice

# Vaccination Digital Services

- **FDP (Federated Data Platform)**
  - NHS operational data (not for robust surveillance)
  - Snapshot data
  - near real-time data on vaccination uptake
  - often has ethnicity and deprivation data
  - Includes COVID, Flu, RSV, MMR (including school level)
- **MAVIS (Manage Vaccinations In Schools)**
  - SAIS POC system can support cohort management, clinical triage, session planning
  - GP notification
- **RAVS (Record A Vaccination Service)**
  - Used by CPs and NHS Trusts for some vaccines eg: Covid, Flu
  - Can be used for GP notifications

# Vaccination Digital Services

## ➤ **IIS (Immunisation information system)**

- individual-level vaccine and eligible population record system, containing around 68 million primary care-registered individuals in England since 2020
- What does this mean for CHIS?

## ➤ **SPI (Select People for Invitation)**

- Allows national call/recall invitation campaigns
- Digital First – use of NHS App
- ?? More local access in the future

## ➤ **NBS (National Booking Service)**

- Online booking for Flu, COVID and RSV
- Mainly for Community Pharmacies

# Programme changes

- MMRV introduced 1/1/26
- GP QOF vaccination improvement targets: [NHS England » Changes to the GP Contract in 2026/27](#)
- RSV expansion 1/4/26: [Expansion of RSV vaccine eligibility to those aged 80 years and older and residents in care homes for older adults letter - GOV.UK](#)
- PCV20 for older adults and at-risk groups [Pneumococcal vaccination for older adults and for individuals in a clinical risk group: Information for healthcare practitioners - GOV.UK](#)
- HPV CP provision from 2026 – await details (in NHS 10-year Plan)
- HV Pathfinders - Sandwell

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