

INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS RECEIVING THE HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS (HPV) VACCINE

The HPV vaccine helps protect against human papillomavirus (HPV). It's recommended for children aged 12 to 13 years old and people at higher risk from HPV. If you missed getting vaccinated when you were 12 or 13, the HPV vaccine is available for free on the NHS for: all girls under 25 and boys born after 1 September 2006.

For more information, use the following link - <https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/hpv-vaccine/>

IT IS IMPORTANT YOU READ THIS INFORMATION PRIOR TO VACCINATION

You **should not** have vaccine at this time if you have any of the following:

- Flu like symptoms with fever
- Previous allergic reaction to any vaccine
- Impaired immune system
- Or have previously had the HPV course, regardless of how long ago it was or what brand it was.

FOLLOWING VACCINATION

Any side effects from your vaccination are likely to occur within the first 12 - 24 hours of the vaccine being given and usually resolve after 72 hours from onset.

Most common side effects

- Minor local reactions such as swelling, pain and redness at the injection site may occur.
- A small painless nodule may form at the injection site this is harmless and usually disappears over time.
- Fever. If this or pain occurs, take **Paracetamol every 4 to 6 hours** until your temperature returns to normal and you have no pain. If it remains raised for more than 72 hours, please contact the Health Centre for advice.

Rare side effects

With all vaccinations there is a possibility of an allergic reaction.

Symptoms include:

- Itchiness and red or pale skin
- Dizziness and fainting
- Difficulty breathing
- Swelling of lips, face, neck or tongue

If any of the above occurs and you are in the Health Centre, please tell a member of staff.

If the above happens when you have left the Health Centre, PLEASE SEEK MEDICAL HELP IMMEDIATELY!