

HPV vaccine for children



This easy read document tells you about the HPV vaccine.

What is the HPV vaccine?



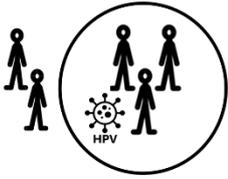
The HPV vaccine helps protect your child from the **Human Papillomavirus**.



Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is a group of more than 100 related viruses.



More than 40 HPV viruses can be spread by direct skin-to-skin contact. This includes sexual activity.

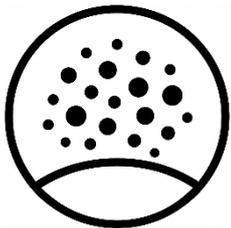


HPV is one of the most common viral sexually transmitted infections (STI). HPV is very common, and many people will get some type of HPV at some time in their life.



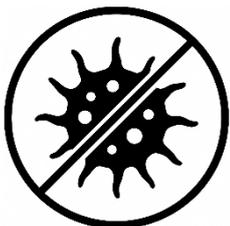
Most people will not realise they have it, as they will remain healthy without any symptoms.

But some people with HPV will develop conditions, including:



- **genital warts**

these are growths or lumps around your vagina, penis or backside



- **cell changes**

these are abnormal changes to cells that can turn into cancers, including:

cervical cancer

- anal cancer
- penile cancer
- vulval cancer

- vaginal cancer

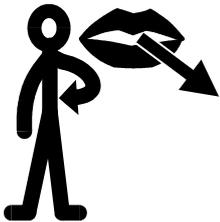


The HPV vaccine protects against these cancers and warts.

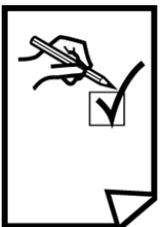


It also protects against mouth, throat, head and neck cancers caused by HPV

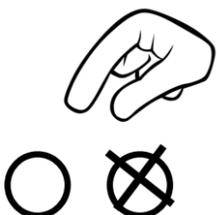
What you need to do



Speak to your child about being protected from HPV and having a vaccine.



Fill out the consent form
(1 form for each child)



Say whether you do, or do not, want your child to have the vaccine.



Even if you say no, the child has the right to say yes, if a health professional says they have the ability to decide. This is called being **Gillick Competent**.



Return the form to your child's school within one week.



More [information about the HVP vaccine is available on the NHS website](#).



If you have any questions or need help to complete the form, contact the school aged immunisation service by:



Phone: 0333 358 3397
(select option 4, then option 2)



The Nottinghamshire School Aged
Immunisation Service is carried out by
[Intrahealth](#) for the NHS.

Links in this document

NHS – Information about HPV vaccine

nhs.uk/vaccinations/hpv-vaccine

Intrahealth

intrahealth.co.uk

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