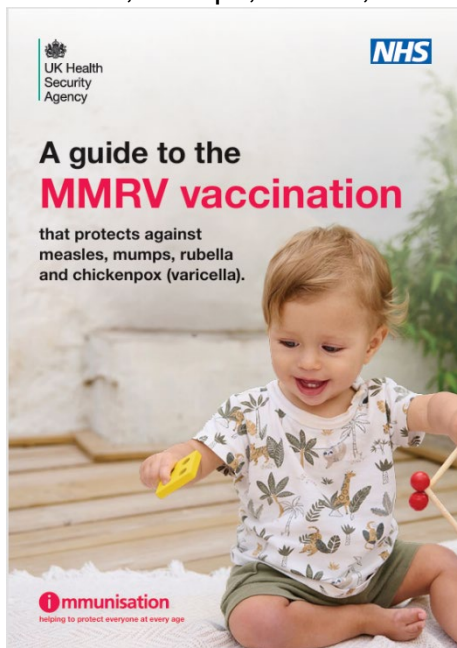


Tuesday 10 February 2026

Public Health information briefing for Libraries, Leisure, Family Hubs VCS

Changes to the vaccination schedule

Since 1 January 2026, the Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Varicella (chickenpox) (MMRV) vaccine has been offered as part of the routine childhood immunisation programme. The combined [MMRV vaccination](#) means many thousands of children will gain additional protection against chickenpox for the first time in the UK. Just 2 doses of this vaccine will provide long-lasting protection against 4 serious diseases: measles, mumps, rubella, and chickenpox (also known as varicella).



The MMRV vaccine has been successfully used in other countries such as Canada, Australia, and Germany for more than a decade. MMRV vaccines without gelatine are available – they are called Priorix Tetra.

Useful resources: [Poster Leaflet Childhood Vaccination Postcard](#)

Vaccination Conversation Training – Last Chance to Sign Up!

We still have some places available on our final two Vaccination Conversation Training sessions. They will be held on February 11th and March 5th and are run by Hammersmith and Fulham Public Health team. [Sign up here](#)

Our ask to you: Please pass on the information above and the opportunity for front line staff to have the training.

Vaccinations in Pregnancy – support the campaign

We continue to support the national maternal vaccinations campaign – ‘Stay Strong. Get Vaccinated’ – which uses protective imagery, such as bubble wrap, to show how vaccination during pregnancy passes life-saving antibodies through the placenta to protect newborns.

A second wave of this campaign is now running to encourage [RSV](#) and [whooping cough](#) uptake.

You can find campaign information and suggested copy in the [UKHSA campaign toolkit](#).

Campaign assets can be downloaded from the [Campaign Resource Centre](#) and include images for social media, digital screens and newsletters. Some campaign materials have also been translated.



Our ask to you: If you have contact with pregnant women and families, please help us amplify the campaign by posting on your channels and displaying posters.

Mandy in the Public Health team is visiting organisations across the two boroughs to speak to them about this campaign and deliver materials such as posters.

If you have any questions about this campaign, need help accessing the materials or would like to speak to Mandy, please email her:

mchukwuemeka@westminster.gov.uk

RSV eligibility for older people

The government is expanding eligibility for the NHS RSV vaccination programme. Since September 2024, [RSV](#) vaccines have been routinely offered to adults as they turn 75, with an initial catch-up for those aged 75–79.

From 1 April 2026, eligibility will also include everyone aged 80 and over, with no upper age limit, and all residents in older adult care homes, due to their increased risk.

The UKHSA has updated its blog, [‘What is RSV and is there a vaccine?’](#), to reflect these changes.

Our ask to you: Please pass on the information above to your older people’s networks

Change Grow Live

Change Grow Live deliver **The Alcohol Service** locally and would like to reach out to residents and communities to offer help and support to improve their health and wellbeing.

They are offering a number of training webinars for front line workers and volunteers on raising awareness and identifying problematic drinking and how to signpost and refer into appropriate support and treatment on offer. If you or your team members are interested in attending an online webinar, please use the links below:

Access free training webinars on alcohol awareness for your volunteers and staff here:

- **February Alcohol Awareness training - Monday 16 February at 3pm**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1978887219945?aff=oddtcreator>

6 Lupus Street, Pimlico, London, SW1V 3EQ

www.changegrowlive.org www.thealcohol servicelondon.org

Our ask to you: Please pass on the information above and the link to the training

New Young People's Health and Wellbeing service

This new service, delivered by Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust (CNWL) provides free, friendly, and confidential support for young people aged 9–25 who are living with or affected by alcohol or drug issues.

The focus is on overall wellbeing and prevention including sexual health promotion and greater whole-family support.

How to get in touch:

Call: 020 8515 5014

Email: cnwl.kcw-cyphealthwellbeing@nhs.net

Please email kgielgud@westminster.gov.uk if you would like information on anything in this briefing or if we can support your health information offer in any way.