

Prison Service Nurse Immunisation Training

Immunisation is one of the most effective activities health professionals undertake. It protects the individual, prevents epidemics and can eliminate some diseases. Thanks to immunisation, many of the infectious diseases once seen in Britain have now been eradicated, however every lapse in uptake brings renewed potential for infection.

‘The immunisation programme in the UK continues to evolve, meeting the demand to improve the control of infectious disease through vaccination’ (Immunisation against infectious disease DH 2006)

The 2007/08 Prison Health Performance Indicators, Public Health 1.26 and 1.27 set out the targets for Offender immunisation services

Changes to the immunisation schedule, the need to provide clear, evidence-based communication on the benefits of vaccination, the known side effects of vaccines and the safety and efficacy of vaccines demand that those immunising are fully prepared and updated for their role.

This programme has been developed for registered Nurses working in Prison Services to enable them to implement vaccination programmes effectively.

This programme is based in a Clinical governance framework of PCT and Prison protocol as promoted by HPA National Minimum Standards for Immunisation Training & Core Curriculum for Immunisation Training, guidance of professional bodies and the Department of Health ‘Immunisation against infectious disease’ 2006 (‘Green Book’) CMO update letters and DH Training Slides.

The programme includes

- Aims of immunisation: national policy and schedules & prison health performance indicators
- The immune system and how vaccines work
- Vaccine preventable diseases
- The different types of vaccines used and their composition
- Current issues and controversies regarding immunisation
- Communicating with patients
- Legal aspects of vaccination
- Storage and handling of vaccines
- Correct administration of vaccines
- Anaphylaxis and adverse events
- Documentation, record keeping and reporting
- Strategies for improving uptake rates
- New developments
- Personal and professional development

The interactive training session has been designed to meet the specific needs of this staff group. Programme activities can be tailored to take account of local variation in protocol etc. Please email for further discussion and full breakdown of the programme:

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