



Introduction to Immunisation Training

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Tuesday 4th February 09:00-16:00
& Wednesday 5th February 09:00-16:00



Tuesday 4 th February 9:00 am to 4:00 pm		
Time	Core Curriculum Topic	Speaker
09:00	Introduction and opening activity	Karen Ford, Immunisation Specialist / Senior Research Nurse, Oxford Vaccine Group
09:20	The aims of immunisations, national policy and an overview of schedules. Factors that inform policy.	Karen Ford
10:20-10:40	Coffee	
10:40	The immune response to vaccines and how vaccines work	Dr Reuben Bennett, Paediatric Research Fellow, Oxford Vaccine Group
11:20	The different types of vaccines, their composition and the indications and contraindications	Karen Ford
12:00	Storage and handling of vaccines Documentation, record keeping and reporting Current clinical questions received at the SIT	TBC, Screening and Immunisation Team (SIT) Manager, NHS England –South East (Thames Valley) (Virtual presentation)
12:30 -13:00	Lunch	
13:00	The Influenza vaccination programme	Dr Reuben Bennett
13:40	An overview of the COVID-19 vaccination programme	Karen Ford
13:55	RSV Vaccination Programme	Karen Ford
14:25	Maternal vaccination programmes	Dr Reuben Bennett
14:35	The pneumococcal vaccination programme	Karen Ford
14:45-15:00	Comfort Break	
15:00	The Shingles vaccination programme	Karen Ford
15:20	Talking with patients, parents and carers about immunisations and sources of information	Karen Ford
15:45	Quiz and final questions	Karen Ford

Wednesday 5 th February 9:00 am - 4.00 pm		
Time	Core Curriculum Topic	Speaker
09:00	Developing your immunisation practice and signposting ways to keep updated	Karen Ford
09:15	Mock immunisation consultation	Dr Reuben Bennett and Karen Ford
09:20	Vaccine-preventable diseases	Dr Reuben Bennett

10:05	Consent and legal issues	Karen Ford
10:25	Vaccine trials and ongoing safety monitoring	Dr Reuben Bennett
10:45-11:05	Coffee	
11:05	Anaphylaxis and adverse reactions	Dr Reuben Bennett
11:25	Practical issues: vaccine administration	Karen Ford
12:05	Strategies for optimising immunisation uptake and addressing health inequalities	Lorraine Meadows (TBC), IIUT GP Liaison and Senior Team Clinician Improving Immunisation Uptake Team, NHS South, Central & West Commissioning Support Unit
12:45–13:30	Lunch	
13:30	Vaccine-preventable diseases in the local area, plus Q&A on VPDs	Nicola Middleton (TBC), Principal Health Protection Practitioner, Thames Valley Health Protection Team, UKHSA
14:15	The childhood immunisation schedule	Karen Ford
14:45-15:00	Comfort break	
15:00	Responding to incomplete immunisation schedules	Karen Ford
16:00	Final questions and closing remarks	Karen Ford

Aims of the course

- To relate to practice & emphasise key learning points for each content area outlined in the [Public Health England National Minimum Standards and core curriculum for immunisation training for registered healthcare practitioners](#)
- To address current issues and provide information about resources and teams to support practice
- To provide a platform for delegates to ask questions and consolidate any prior self-directed learning

Prior learning

- Delegates are advised to have completed sessions relevant to their area of immunisation practice of the free e-Learning for Healthcare Immunisation course consisting of 7 knowledge sessions: [Immunisation - elearning for healthcare \(e-lfh.org.uk\)](#)

Immunisation Resources

- Green book: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/immunisation-against-infectious-disease-the-green-book>
- Immunisation collection: [Immunisation - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- Vaccine Update: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/vaccine-update>
- Vaccine Knowledge: <https://vk.ovg.ox.ac.uk/vk/>
- Patient group directions (PGD): <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/immunisation-patient-group-direction-pgd>
- Latest Service Specifications: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/gp-contract/>
- RCN Immunisation Knowledge and Skills Competence Assessment Tool: [Immunisation Knowledge and Skills Competence Assessment Tool | Publications | Royal College of Nursing \(rcn.org.uk\)](#)