

# Introduction to Immunisation Training

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**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 09:00-16:00**  
**& Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 09:00-16:00**

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 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	Amber Codd and Jehangir Sheriff, Screening and Immunisation Team (SIT), 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 4 <sup>th</sup> June 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	<b>Coffee</b>	
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	Jon Mitchell, Clinical Lead, Improving Immunisation Uptake Team, NHS South, Central & West Commissioning Support Unit
12:45-13:30	<b>Lunch</b>	
13:30	Vaccine-preventable diseases in the local area, plus Q&A on VPDs	TBC, Health Protection Practitioner, Thames Valley Health Protection Team, UKHSA
14:15	The childhood immunisation schedule	Karen Ford
14:45-15:00	<b>Comfort break</b>	
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 \(rcn.org.uk\)](#)