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Dear Colleague

**RE: School Aged Immunisation Services**

We are currently carrying out a review of School Aged Immunisation Services in the South East Region. The context of the review is the publication of a new national strategy for immunisations which is expected soon, and the end of some of the current service contracts in July 2024.

With that in mind, we plan to carry out, either at the end of this school year or the beginning of the next, an on-line survey of parents and/or their children who have been recently vaccinated. The aim is to understand their experience of the service and to understand what we could do to encourage more parents to accept the offer of vaccination and/or to make it more accessible for some communities and groups. This will help us in our efforts to increase protection for children, their families and wider communities against life-threatening diseases. Depending on the findings, we may follow up the survey with some focus groups aimed at specific geographical areas and demographic groups.

My purpose in writing to you is twofold. Firstly, to seek your support, should we need it in due course, for spreading the word to parents via your normal communications channels when the survey is ready to share.

The second purpose is to offer you and the wider education community the opportunity to share your views/experience of the current service. We recognise how important schools are in the delivery of these immunisation programmes, but also want to acknowledge how much pressure schools are under particularly at key times of the year. If you have any observations to share about how we could shape the future service, we would very much welcome them: please do so at the attached link. Please do forward this on to relevant colleagues/share within your networks. Please note that the feedback opportunity is open until 31 July 2023.

<https://forms.office.com/e/zxK9afFATq>

Many thanks for your support with this work. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on [england.htvphcontracting@nhs.net](mailto:england.htvphcontracting@nhs.net).

Yours faithfully



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