

What is the Early Years Childhood Immunisation Project?

The main purpose of this project is to enable and empower staff working in Early Years settings to raise awareness and promote pre-school vaccinations, including MMR, among parents and carers.

The project is designed to protect children and staff in Early Years settings against infectious diseases by promoting the uptake of immunisations. Ensuring all children and staff are up to date with their vaccinations will protect them and those around them from disease.

The project includes free training and resources for you and your staff to support the promotion of childhood vaccinations. The project is being delivered by the SCW Improving Immunisation Uptake team (IIUT) and is funded by NHS England.

What is on offer?

- A one-hour virtual training session for staff (6 dates and times available)
- An electronic *Childhood Immunisations - a guide for Early Years providers*
- A support pack with further resources
- Signposting to trusted resources

What are the benefits for you and your setting?

- Increase confidence in having vaccine conversations and signposting parents / carers to reliable information
- Raise awareness of immunisations within the setting
- Reduce the risks of infections
- Reduce the risks of an outbreak
- Fulfil duty of care
- Reduce staff sickness absences
- Evidence of continuing professional development for OFSTED
- Support achieving compliance with Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) need to have knowledge of common childhood illnesses and immunisation
- **Make a difference for your community**

Why is this project being funded?

Early years settings such as yours have strong relationships with parents/carers and are a trusted source of information for them. With support from this project, you and your staff can make a real difference to the health of children and those around them by promoting vaccinations. The NHS Vaccination Strategy for England is aiming to improve access to vaccinations, and this project will help to work towards this aim.

Next steps

1. Nominate an Immunisation Champion with an interest in child health and welfare who can attend the training session to be able to:
 - a. Encourage staff attendance at the childhood immunisation training.
 - b. Promote the importance of vaccinations among parents/carers and members of staff.
 - c. Address concerns or misunderstandings about vaccines among parents/carers and members of staff
 - d. Be a key contact for health care providers so that updated information is shared with parents/carers
2. Book on advertised sessions via **Ticket Taylor**: <https://buytickets.at/nhsscw1/1268083>
3. Contact the Improving Immunisation Uptake team for further information if needed via scwcsu.improvingimmsuptake.projects@nhs.net

