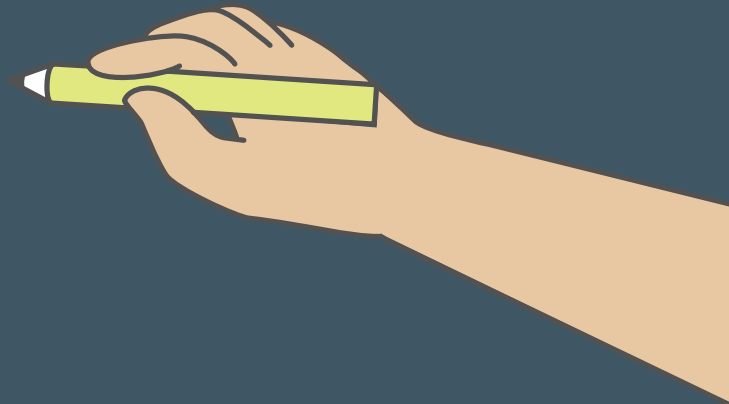


LESSONS LEARNT FROM IMMUNISATION INCIDENTS

HELEN BEYNON

SCREENING & IMMUNISATION TEAM



ROLE OF THE SCREENING & IMMUNISATION TEAM

- Provide advice on how to manage immunisation incidents
- Oversee management of serious immunisation incidents
- Observe for trends in immunisation incidents
- All immunisation and cold chain incidents should be reported to the screening & immunisation team at england.gmsit@nhs.net

COLD CHAIN INCIDENTS

- Temperatures should be recorded at least once a day
- Temperature recordings must be documented
- The vaccine fridge should be serviced annually
- Everyone with responsibility for temperature monitoring must be aware of how to respond to out of range temperatures

DATA LOGGERS

- Data loggers can be used as a secondary temperature recording device
- Need to be set to record temperatures at regular intervals – recommend 10 every minutes
- Ensure the data logger
 - Has not run out of battery
 - Memory has not become full
 - Temperatures recorded are checked at least once a week

IMMUNISATION INCIDENTS

- Check the previous immunisation history – don't rely on clinic lists
- Complete regular stock rotation to prevent use of out of date vaccines
- Check age of the child prior to administration
 - PCV should not be administered before 12 weeks
 - One year immunisations should not be administered before first birthday

USEFUL LINKS

- Vaccine incident guidance [Vaccine incident guidance: responding to vaccine errors - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- PCV guidance for health professionals [Pneumococcal vaccination: guidance for health professionals - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- Men B guidance for health professionals [Meningococcal B: vaccine information for healthcare professionals - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- Rotavirus guidance for health professionals [Rotavirus vaccination programme: advice for health professionals - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- Hexavalent guidance for health professionals [Hexavalent combination vaccine: programme guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

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