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Dear Young Person and Parent / Carer,

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination to protect against cervical cancer

As part of the national vaccination programme we are offering girls in school year 8 (aged 12 to 13 years) the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination in school. This vaccination offers protection against high risk HPV types 16 and 18, which can cause cervical cancer.

Please find enclosed a leaflet with further information about the vaccination. For information about the national vaccination programme, visit: www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations

You will need to fully complete the enclosed consent form and return it to school using the envelope provided, within one week of receiving it.

Forms not fully completed may result in the vaccination not being given.

The HPV vaccination is a two dose course and is offered to girls aged 12 to 13 years (school year 8). It is important to receive the vaccinations at this age as it gives the best protection. The vaccine will be given as an injection in the upper arm. The vaccine has been found to be very effective and has been widely used worldwide.

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust's Community Immunisation Service will be giving the vaccine in school. The team regularly deliver vaccinations in schools and in GP surgeries.

You will be informed of the vaccination date by your school. These dates are also available on our website, visit: www.leicspart.nhs.uk/communityimms

Where young people are absent, the team will revisit schools and will offer additional opportunities for vaccination. Please note this vaccine will not be routinely offered by your GP.

The vaccine used in the HPV vaccination programme does not contain gelatine or alcohol.

We have also developed a website for young people aged between 11-16 years. The website offers health advice through interesting articles, films and interactive content. This includes a short animation about the rumours and facts behind the HPV vaccine. You can watch this film by visiting: <https://www.healthforteens.co.uk/health/immunisation/video-5-rumours-about-the-hpv-vaccine/>

Should you have any questions you can contact the team, by telephone: 0300 300 0007, or by e-mail: communityimms@leicspart.nhs.uk, for further information visit: www.leicspart.nhs.uk/communityimms

Yours faithfully,



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NHS Choices website allows information to be translated into the following languages:

Arabic, Bengali, Czech, Farsi, French, Greek, Gujarati, Italian, Kurdish, Pashto, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Somali, Spanish, Tamil, Turkish and Vietnamese.

NOTES ON COMPLETING THE CONSENT FORM

Please discuss and complete the form fully with your daughter using **BLOCK CAPITALS** using black or blue ink.

PART 1: Patient Information and Contact Details

Your daughter's NHS number: If you are registered with a GP practice you will already have this number. It is a 10 digit number which is unique to every individual and can be found on their medical card. It can also be found on any letter from the NHS, any prescription and on every child's red book – "my personal child health record".

PART 2: Consent Declaration

Parents/Carers should complete the first section of the consent box, signing to give consent to the full course of HPV vaccinations. Your daughter should complete the second section of the consent box and sign to give consent to the full course of HPV vaccinations.

Your daughter may be able to consent for herself to have this vaccination without your agreement and health professionals will assess her ability to make an informed decision.

Sharing information: After our team has vaccinated your daughter at their school, the information will be added to their NHS health records.