

Population Health Directorate
Primary Care Division



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Dear colleague

Shingles (Herpes Zoster) Immunisation Scheme - Year 5

DIRECTED ENHANCED SERVICE Summary

1. This Circular provides guidance to NHS Boards and GP Practices for changes to the Shingles (Herpes Zoster) Immunisation Scheme programme in 2017-18. This guidance replaces NHS circular [PCA2016\(M\)11](#).
2. This circular also gives Directions to Health Boards on behalf of Scottish Ministers detailing the payment arrangements, Annex A, which must be made under the DES.
3. CMO letter [SGHD/CMO \(2017\)13](#) was issued on 8 August 2017 and contains clinical arrangements for the changes to the Shingles (Herpes Zoster) Vaccination Programme in 2017-18.

Background

4. The Shingles DES, reflecting advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) to improve the overall level of protection against vaccine-preventable diseases was introduced in 2013.
5. This circular provides details of Year 5 of the 2017-18 shingles immunisation programme including those eligible. Routine vaccinations are being offered to people aged 70 years old, and a catch-up immunisation programme for people aged 76 years.

6. This circular provides specific details of the Shingles Directed Enhanced Service (DES), including funding and payment arrangements, as agreed with the Scottish General Practitioners Committee (SGPC).
7. The programme this year is for those who are aged 70 (routine) (born between 2 September 1946 and 1 September 1947) and 76 years old (catch-up) (born between 2 September 1940 and 1 September 1941).
8. It has also been agreed that during the 2017/18 programme, GPs can continue to vaccinate anyone who was eligible during the previous years' programmes but who did not take up the offer of vaccination. 75 year olds (born between 2 September 1941 and 1 September 1942 - both dates inclusive) remain outstanding. This means anyone who falls into the target groups below can be offered the vaccine:

Target groups (see Green Book Chapter - [Shingles \(herpes zoster\): chapter 28a](#))

Year of Programme	Routine	Catch Up
2013-14 (Year 1)	70 year olds (born between 2 September 1942 and 1 September 1943 - both dates inclusive)	79 year olds (born between 2 September 1933 and 1 September 1934 – both dates inclusive)
2014-15 (Year 2)	70 year olds (born between 2 September 1943 and 1 September 1944 - both dates inclusive)	78 year olds (born between 2 September 1935 and 1 September 1936 - both dates inclusive); 79 year olds (born between 2 September 1934 and 1 September 1935 - both dates inclusive)
2015-16 (Year 3)	70 year olds (born between 2 September 1944 and 1 September 1945 - both dates inclusive)	76 year olds (born between 2 September 1938 and 1 September 1939 - both dates inclusive) 77 year olds (born between 2 September 1937 and 1 September 1938 - both dates inclusive) 78 year olds (born between 2 September 1936 and 1 September 1937 - both dates inclusive)
2016-17 (Year 4)	70 year olds (born between 2 September 1945 and 1 September 1946 - both dates inclusive)	76 year olds (born between 2 September 1939 and 1 September 1940 - both dates inclusive)
2017-18 (Year 5)	70 year olds (born between 2 September 1946 and 1 September 1947 – both dates inclusive)	76 year olds (born between 2 September 1940 and 1 September 1941 - both dates inclusive)

9. This decision will be subject to review for future years. It does not apply to anyone eligible who has since turned 80 years of age (and therefore outwith the programme).

Timing

10. The Shingles Immunisation can be given throughout the year.

Reporting arrangements

11. Apart from monitoring uptake for payment purposes, it is important to provide timely data in the interest of patient safety, particularly in situations where the vaccination could be offered in more than one setting. GP practices will be required to provide Health Boards with reasonable immunisation data which will continue to inform the analysis of the changes in Shingles epidemiology, by age.

Claims for Payments

12. Practitioner Services Division will agree separate guidance with SGPC regarding claims including claim forms that will be provided to practices.

Action

13. NHS Boards are requested to action this guidance and ensure that their primary medical services contractors are aware of it.

Enquiries

14. In the instance of any enquiries on this circular please contact Michael Taylor.

Yours sincerely

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Richard Foggo

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Payment Arrangements - Directions to Health Boards

The Scottish Ministers give the following Directions to Health Boards.

1. Contractors who have entered into an arrangement with a Health Board as part of that Health Board's Shingles Immunisation Scheme will be reimbursed in accordance with the paragraphs below.
2. Contractors providing the Shingles vaccination will be reimbursed, from 1 July 2017.
3. Payments applicable to GMS contracts for Shingles
 - a flat rate of £7.67 will be paid per immunisation

As previously notified SGHSCD is meeting the vaccine purchase costs associated with this programme and **NHS Boards are meeting the delivery costs, including GP costs, from their baseline resources.**

Payment Verification

Prior to issuing payments in accordance with the above, Health Boards must require contractors and providers who have entered into an arrangement with a Health Board's Shingles Immunisation Scheme in terms of the DES Directions 2017 to sign a declaration to confirm that they are meeting the requirements of the DES Directions 2017.