

Immunisation update for Health care support workers

Virtual session

Unfortunately due to the current COVID 19 pandemic the immunisation update the training hub would normally provide has had to be postponed. The training HUB has re-designed the way in which we provide training during this difficult time, although it would be gold standard to hold face to face training as in previous years this will not be possible at the current time.

The revised format for immunisation updates will be **highly directed study** prior to an **interactive virtual session** which will be accessible remotely via an online platform for which you will need access to a computer with both video and audio capabilities. The virtual session will comprise of short presentations, a quiz, case scenarios and a Q&A session and we anticipate this session will take approximately 2 hours.

- During the virtual session the following areas will be covered;
 1. current issues in influenza, shingles and/or pneumococcal vaccination
 2. recent epidemiology of influenza, shingles and/or pneumococcal disease
 3. any changes to the recommendations or national policy for influenza, shingles and/or pneumococcal immunisation
 4. update on vaccine administration
 5. any changes to legislation relevant to vaccination
 6. anaphylaxis recognition and management
 7. review of current practice and identification of areas for improvement
 8. review of support strategies
 9. Q&A session for commonly encountered problems in practice

Prior to the virtual session please complete the following highly directed study;

- ✓ Read through the most recent editions of the vaccine update available by following the link below; <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/vaccine-update>
- ✓ Watch the **immunology for immuniser amination**s created by the Health protection Agency by following the link; <http://immunologyanimation.phe.org.uk/>

Your employer should allow you a minimum of **½ day** to complete the and highly directed study assigned above this is an integral part of this update, for which knowledge and understanding will be assessed during the virtual session.