

HPV INFO

Human Papilloma Virus for teenagers

WHAT IS IT FOR???

Protects against cancers:

- Cervical cancer
- some mouth and throat (head and neck) cancers
- some cancers of the anal and genital areas

Girls and boys aged 12 to 13 years (born after 1 September 2006) are offered the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine.

**NOT COVID-
VACCINE!**



-This does **NOT** mean your child is sexually active. It is about protecting you later in life.

-The virus does not usually do any harm because the person's immune system clears the infection.

-Sometimes the infection stays in the body for many years, and then it may start to cause damage.

-71% less chance of getting Cervical Cancer

- **SAFETY:**



-A vaccine can only be used in people if scientific tests, called clinical trials, show it's safe and effective, and the benefits outweigh any risks.

-More than 100 million people have been vaccinated worldwide.

- **2 DOSES:**

1) Girls and boys aged 12 to 13 years offered the 1st HPV vaccination when they're in school Year 8.

2)The 2nd dose is offered 6 to 24 months after the 1st dose.

-HPV infections can be spread and are usually found on the fingers, hands, mouth, and genitals.

- **SIDE EFFECTS:**

-Redness, swelling or pain at the site of the injection – the most common side effect, but it should wear off within a couple of days.

-Headaches, bruising or itching at the site of the injection, a high temperature or feeling hot and shivery, feeling sick (nausea), pain in the arms, hands, fingers, legs, feet or toes

