

Immunisation & Vaccination Initial Training for Non-Registered HCSW

Date	Time	Venue
Monday 29 th September 2025	9.30 – 12.45	Pinewood House, Stepping Hill Hospital, Poplar Grove SK2 7JD
Tuesday 30 th September 2025		Remotely via Zoom
Wednesday 1 st October 2025		
Thursday 2 nd October 2025		
Friday 3 rd October 2025		
Monday 6 th October 2025		Pinewood House, Stepping Hill Hospital, Poplar Grove SK2 7JD
All six dates MUST be attended		

Target Audience: This training is aimed at Trainee Nurse Associates, Assistant Practitioners and Health Care Assistants (who hold a L3 Qualification in Health & Social Care or equivalent – Please see below for further details regarding eligibility) whose role involves administering or advising on vaccinations as part of their clinical practice. This training **must** be followed by completion of the competency assessment toolkit. It will be the responsibility of the practice to ensure the delegate has the support of a registered, up to date, health care professional to support the delegate with the completion of the competency assessment toolkit to ensure competency.

Eligibility: The current UK Health Security Agency guidance highlights the recommendation that only experienced HCSWs who have achieved education and training to Level Three of the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) or equivalent in England and Wales should be considered for training in vaccine administration - National Minimum Standards and Core Curriculum for Vaccination Training. We can accept some flexibility with the eligibility criteria for vaccination training and will accept applications from those already working in a Health Care Assistant role who have completed the Care Certificate. There will be no requirement around minimum length of time in role. Practices should only put forward individuals who are working as Health Care Assistants and have already completed the Care Certificate. The practice must feel that any individuals they put forward must have the aptitude to successfully complete this level of training as any individual trained will be working under the indemnity of the registered practitioners within their practice upon completion.

Course Aim: The course provides the theoretical & practical training in Flu (including Nasal Flu), Pneumococcal, Tetanus, Shingles and Covid vaccinations. To provide the necessary skills and knowledge to enable Assistant Practitioners & Health Care Assistants to administer these vaccinations following completion of a practical programme under supervision within the practice setting.

Learning Objectives: Upon successful completion of the course delegates will be able to:

- Understand the immunological basis of vaccination
- Describe the different licensed vaccines in terms of vaccine characteristics, adverse events, contraindications and alternative methods of disease control
- Understand the function of excipients in a vaccine
- Understand how a vaccine is licensed
- Run a safe immunisation session
- Describe the epidemiology and natural history of the different vaccine preventable diseases
- Describe the need for appropriate storage and handling of vaccines
- Reflect on the legal basis of immunisation
- Manage adverse vaccine events
- List appropriate sources of information regarding immunisation
- Understand the need for accurate documentation and record keeping
- Understand the potential issues and what to do in relation to Anaphylaxis

Pre-Requisites: All delegates need to be up to date with their annual Basic Life Support and Anaphylaxis training.

Trainer: Dr David Baxter, Director of Infection Control and Prevention.

Refreshments Provided: Unfortunately, no refreshments are provided, please take food and drinks with you as required.

Cost: This course is free of charge for all those who work in Stockport General Practices.

Booking Information: Bookings for this course should be made via e-mail to gmicb-sto.learningdevelopment@nhs.net.

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Terms and Conditions Please note that it is an employer's responsibility to ensure that individuals employed in any patient facing role (including receptionists) are up to date with the recommended vaccinations for healthcare staff as outlined in the Green Book <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immunisation-of-healthcare-and-laboratory-staff-the-green-book-chapter-12>

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Non-Attendance/Cancellation The department is sympathetic to issues which may arise, however, if an individual is unable to attend an event for any reason, the learning and development team should be contacted via e-mail on gmicb-sto.learningdevelopment@nhs.net as soon as possible to cancel or defer the booking. Cancelling may enable another individual to attend instead which will help ensure best use of our resources.

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