

Freedom of Information request 100-17

Request

1. The uptake rates of the meningitis B vaccine for children under 5 years old broken down by each age year and by health board.
2. In what circumstances a proactive vaccination for meningitis B would happen under the NHS if the individuals concerned are out with the routine childhood programme.
3. How many vaccinations have been done free for individuals who would not be covered by the routine childhood programme since 2005 broken down by year, age.

Response

Vaccine uptake statistics are published by ISD on a quarterly basis <http://www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Child-Health/Immunisation/>. The latest uptake rates, including rates by NHS Board are available at <http://www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Child-Health/Publications/data-tables.asp?id=1808#1808>

The annual figures for MenB for children under 5 are not collected.

For the Evaluation Quarter: 1 July to 30 September 2016 uptake by 12 months age was 94.9%. Annual figures for childhood vaccines are produced in March each year.

Circumstances under which MenB vaccine would be recommended are outlined in 'Immunisation against Infection Disease', Chapter 22 Meningococcal Disease. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/meningococcal-the-green-book-chapter-22>. This can include individuals with certain immunocompromising conditions, such as asplenia, splenic dysfunction or complement disorders. The vaccine may also be recommended under certain circumstances, in management of meningococcal disease clusters and outbreaks.

Information on MenB vaccine given free on the NHS outwith the routine childhood immunisation schedule is not held centrally. Therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is not held.

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk.

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