

## School nursing policy for the delivery of routine school age childhood immunisations

### 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that routine childhood immunisations for school age children are delivered by the school nursing service as directed by Public Health England 'Childhood routine immunisation schedule'.

### 2. DEFINITIONS

'Childhood routine immunisation schedule' –refers to the NHS recommended vaccination schedule for children.

'School age children' – refers to children 5-18 years of age.

'School nursing service' - refers to school nurses and school nurse screeners.

'Patient Group Directive' – refers to a group prescription for administration of medications.

### 3. PRINCIPLES

Swindon school nurses are commissioned to deliver routine immunisations for school age children primarily within school settings.

Catch up sessions for administration of the Human Papilloma Virus vaccination (HPV) are offered in a community clinic as required.

### 4. DUTIES

- All school nurses and school nurse screeners will adhere to agreed School Nursing Standard No.8.
- The Immunisation Coordinator (schools) is responsible for coordinating service delivery of all scheduled routine immunisations for school age children.
- Swindon Public Health and NHS England will be responsible for provision of relevant Patient Group Directives (PGD)

### 5. RATIFICATION

- The Quality, Safety and Performance Unit (QSPU) in SEQOL, has been authorised by SBC to approve and monitor the delivery of routine immunisations for school age children by the school nursing service.

### 6. TRAINING

- Mandatory annual training for 'Immunisations and Vaccinations', 'Combined basic life support', 'Infection control', 'Hand hygiene' and 'anaphylaxis' training will be attended by all staff.

- School nurses will receive annual training updates on service standard No. 8 following annual review.

#### 7. MONITORING FRAMEWORK

- School nursing will use clinical audit to monitor standards and efficacy of current practice on a two yearly basis.
- User evaluations will be used by school nursing to monitor user experience on a yearly basis.
- The infection control 'care bundle' audit tool will be completed at every session and submitted to Infection Prevention and Control Specialist nurse.
- Immunisation uptake data will be collated and monitored at local and national level as appropriate.

#### 8. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- Swindon School Nursing Service Standard No. 8
- NHS recommended vaccination schedule for children.
- Gardasil PGD
- Adrenaline PGD
- Measles mumps and rubella (MMR) PGD
- Diphtheria/ Tetanus/ Polio PGD
- MenACWY PGD
- Green Book – On Line Publication 'Immunisation against Infectious Diseases'
- SBC Infection Prevention & Control policy

**These resources will be available in the resource folder and are hosted on the shared SN drive.**