



RSV Vaccination Uptake Report: October 2026

Background

Vaccination programmes against Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) began in Wales in September 2024¹. There are two routine programmes, one offering vaccination to older adults as they reach their 75th birthday and the other offering vaccination to pregnant women from 28 weeks gestation (in order to provide passive protection to babies from birth).

Older adults should be offered the RSV vaccination within 12 weeks of their 75th birthday. Pregnant women should be offered RSV vaccination at 28 weeks gestation, but remain eligible for vaccination until discharge from midwifery services.

A catch-up campaign for those aged 75 to 79 as at 01/09/2024 began in February 2025. This one off catch-up campaign was amended in August 2025 so these individuals would remain eligible indefinitely². The programme was expanded in April 2026 to include all adults aged 80+ and all residents in a care home for older adults³. From September 2026 the programme was further expanded to include those aged 65 to 74 at clinical risk due to immunosuppression or chronic respiratory disease (excluding well-controlled asthma)⁴.

RSV is a common cause of acute respiratory infections in Wales during the autumn and winter months and burden of infection and severe outcomes is highest in infants, young children and older adults. Surveillance data for RSV infections are summarised each week in the Public Health Wales Weekly Influenza and Acute Respiratory Infection Report: <https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/immunisation-and-vaccines/flu vaccine/weekly-influenza-and-acute-respiratory-infection-report>

Data sources and methods

Vaccination data for older adults are sourced from the Wales Immunisation System (WIS) on 23/10/2026, uptake is calculated for adults living in Wales and Wales resident as at 30/09/2026. Care home residents are identified using a flag in WIS, the population of which is managed by health boards.

Uptake in women giving birth during the most recent month is calculated using data in the Wales Maternity Indicators Delivery Dataset, linked to WIS vaccination status data. The Wales Maternity Indicators Delivery Dataset contains data for women residing in all health board areas and uptake is calculated for women with delivery dates during the most recent month.

¹Welsh Government, June 2024: Introduction of the RSV Vaccination Programme 2024 (WHC/2024/032): <https://www.gov.wales/introduction-rsv-vaccination-programme-2024-whc2024032-html>

²Welsh Government, August 2025: Amendment to WHC/2024/032: [https://www2.nphs.wales.nhs.uk/contacts.nsf/HealthAlerts/F417065C7886536180258CE7005833D1/\\$file/20250725%20-%20CMO%20Alert%20-%20RSV%20Vaccine%202025-english%20\(Final\).pdf](https://www2.nphs.wales.nhs.uk/contacts.nsf/HealthAlerts/F417065C7886536180258CE7005833D1/$file/20250725%20-%20CMO%20Alert%20-%20RSV%20Vaccine%202025-english%20(Final).pdf)

³Welsh Government, February 2026: Expansion of RSV Vaccine Eligibility to Adults Aged 80+ and residents in a care home for older adults (WHC/2025/053): <https://www.gov.wales/update-rsv-vaccination-programme-2026-whc2025053-html> ⁴Welsh Government, June 2026: Expansion of RSV Vaccine Eligibility to Adults Aged 65 and over (At-Risk) (WHC/2026/020): <https://www.gov.wales/update-rsv-vaccination-programme-2026-whc2026020-html>



Summary

Category	Current uptake (%)	Range from (%)	Range to (%)	Previous uptake (%)	% point change
Aged 75+	64.8	61.9 (HD)	67 (P)	64.6	0.2
65-74 at clinical risk	43.0	24.4 (HD)	54.8 (BC)		
Care home residents	68.3	57.5 (HD)	77.9 (P)	68.4	-0.1
Pregnant women	60.2	53.9 (CTM)	66.7 (HD)	57.6	2.6

*Data for those aged 75+ and those at clinical risk is based on age as at report date. Uptake may decrease as more individuals become eligible. Data for pregnant women is based on those delivering in the most recent complete report month, previous uptake is based on those who delivered in the previous reporting month

1.0 RSV vaccination uptake in older adults

Figure 1.1. Uptake of RSV immunisation in resident population aged 75+, those at clinical risk aged 65-74 and care home residents. Age as at 30/09/2026.

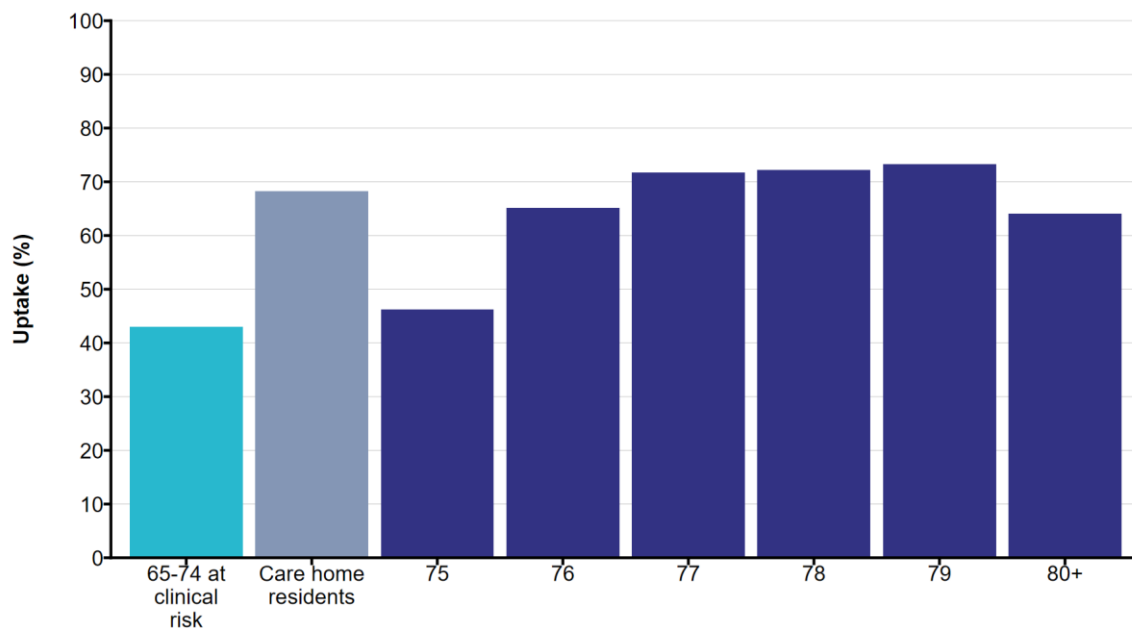




Table 1.1. Uptake of RSV immunisation in resident population by age; Wales.

Age Group (Years)	Denominator	Vaccinated	Uptake (%)
75	31,876	14,726	46.2
76	31,603	20,579	65.1
77	31,523	22,606	71.7
78	31,965	23,082	72.2
79	33,794	24,768	73.3
80+	206,429	132,255	64.1
Total	367,190	238,016	64.8

2.0 RSV Vaccination Uptake in Pregnant Women at the point of delivery

Data on women giving birth includes women recorded in the Maternity Indicators Delivery (MIDS) dataset. These data only include women whose pregnancies end with a delivery and those giving birth in Wales. Vaccination data (as at 23/10/2026) are sourced from the Welsh Immunisation System (WIS) and joined to maternity datasets using the mother's NHS number. Data exclude 464 women who had delivered but could not be matched to WIS.

Figure 2.1: Coverage of RSV vaccination for women giving birth 01/09/2024 to 30/09/2026, by month of delivery; Wales.

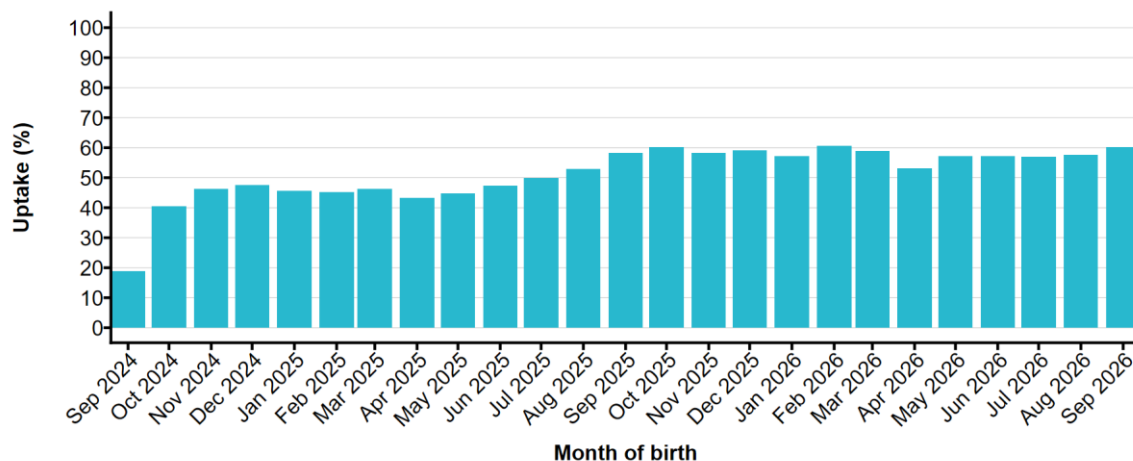


Table 2.1: Coverage of RSV vaccination for women giving birth in the past 12 months (01/10/2025 - 30/09/2026), by month of delivery; Wales.

Delivery month	Number of women delivering	Women vaccinated by their delivery date	
		n	%
Oct 2025	2,056	1,236	60.1
Nov 2025	1,869	1,088	58.2
Dec 2025	1,987	1,175	59.1
Jan 2026	2,009	1,151	57.3
Feb 2026	1,729	1,050	60.7
Mar 2026	1,858	1,094	58.9
Apr 2026	1,754	934	53.2
May 2026	1,766	1,011	57.2
Jun 2026	1,690	967	57.2
Jul 2026	1,834	1,043	56.9
Aug 2026	1,686	973	57.7
Sep 2026	1,766	1,064	60.2