

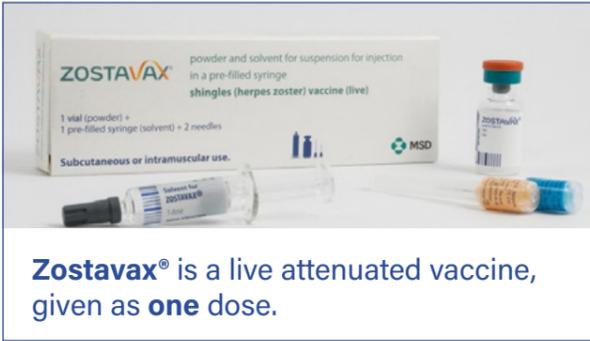
NHS Wales shingles vaccination programme

Visual aid for Healthcare Professionals

Key changes from 1st September 2023:

This information is for health professionals who are responsible for delivering the NHS shingles vaccination programme across Wales.

Two shingles vaccines are currently available in Wales:



Zostavax® is a live attenuated vaccine, given as **one** dose.



Shingrix® is a recombinant adjuvanted (non-live) subunit vaccine, given as **two** doses.

Which vaccine should individuals receive, and when?

Individuals who are eligible for vaccination should be invited for their vaccination.

From 1st September 2023 to 31st August 2028 (Phase one):

Individual's age on or after 01 September each year from 2023 until 2028	Is the individual severely immunosuppressed?	When will they receive the Shingrix® vaccine?	
		1st dose	2nd dose
Turned 65 years or 70 years[^] (on/after 01 September each year from 2023 to 2028)	No	Aged 65 years Aged 70 years	Between 6 and 12 months following first dose
71 - 79 years who have not been given a shingles vaccine (NB. Individuals aged 70-79 years before 01 September 2023 are eligible until their 80th birthday)	No	Continue to use Zostavax® whilst stocks last Once Zostavax® stocks are depleted use Shingrix®. The second dose should be given 6-12 months after the first dose ^{^^}	
50 years and over (no upper age limit) ^{^^^}	Yes ^{^^^}	Given on or after their 50th birthday	Between 8 weeks and 6 months following first dose

[^] In instances where an individual has already attained or passed the age of 65 but not yet 80 for phase one then general practices can accommodate opportunistic vaccination if operationally possible

^{^^} Where an individual has turned 80 years of age following their first dose of Shingrix®, a second dose should be provided before the individual's 81st birthday to complete the course

^{^^^} The catch up of the immunosuppressed group (aged 50 years plus) should be prioritised in the first 12 months (September 2023 - September 2024) of the programme change

^{^^^} Individuals who should be offered Shingrix® amongst this age group are summarised in **Shingles chapter 28a Green Book (Box)**

References

- JCVI (2019) Minutes of JCVI meetings: www.gov.uk/government/groups/joint-committee-on-vaccination-and-immunisation#minutes
- Welsh Health Circular (2023) 024 Change of vaccine and cohort expansion for shingles vaccination programme (from September 2023) www.gov.wales/changes-shingles-vaccinations-september-2023-whc2023024

To note:

Supplies of Zostavax® are being run down as it is no longer being manufactured. Please refer to Welsh Health Circular (2023) 024 Change of vaccine and cohort expansion for shingles vaccination programme (from September 2023) www.gov.wales/changes-shingles-vaccinations-september-2023-whc2023024

If you would like to order more copies of this poster or any immunisation publications please visit: <https://phw.nhs.wales/services-and-teams/health-information-resources>

What's new?

From 1st September 2023 the NHS Wales shingles vaccination programme is introducing:

- Change of vaccine to those newly eligible for shingles vaccination
- Changes to age of eligibility

These changes are based on advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI)¹

What do I need to know?

From 1st September 2023: Phase one

- Individuals who are newly eligible for shingles vaccination should receive **two doses of Shingrix®**
- Age of eligibility will be extending:
 - **Immunocompetent** individuals – the planned changes will be implemented in **two catch-up phases** over a 10-year period. Individuals will become eligible for Shingrix® at 65 years and 70 years in the first phase of the catch-up
 - **Immunocompromised** (severely immunosuppressed) individuals will become eligible at 50 years and there is no upper age limit. The catch up of this group (aged 50 years plus) should be prioritised in the first 12 months (01 September 2023 – 31 August 2024)

Please refer to the **Welsh Health Circular (2023) 024²** for further details on implementation of changes to the programme.

Further information:

Green Book chapter 28a: www.gov.uk/government/publications/shingles-herpes-zoster-the-green-book-chapter-28a

Public Health Wales – Immunisation and vaccines (microsite for public and health professional information and resources) <https://phw.nhs.wales/vaccines>

Electronic Medicines Compendium UK – Summary of product characteristics (SmPC):

- Zostavax® www.medicines.org.uk/emc
- Shingrix® www.medicines.org.uk/emc