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# NHS Wales shingles vaccination programme

## Visual aid for Healthcare Professionals

This information is for health professionals delivering the NHS shingles vaccination programme in Wales

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This information is available in Welsh.

### One shingles vaccine is currently available in Wales

Since 1 September 2023, the NHS Wales shingles vaccination programme has introduced:

- Shingrix® vaccine to those newly eligible
- Changes to the age of eligibility

These changes are based on advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).<sup>(1)</sup>

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

### What do I need to know?

#### Phase one (From 1 September 2023):

- Individuals eligible for shingles vaccination should receive **two doses** of Shingrix®.
- The eligibility age has extended:
  - **Immunocompetent individuals:** Eligible at 65 years and 70 years during the first phase of a 10-year catch-up period (phase one ends on 31 August 2028).
  - **Immunocompromised (severely immunosuppressed) individuals:** Eligible at 50 years, with no upper age limit.

Please refer to the **Welsh Health Circular (2023) 024 (external site)** for further details on the changes to the programme.<sup>(2)</sup>

### When should eligible individuals receive the vaccine?

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

The table below summarises the individuals eligible for the shingles vaccine from 1 September 2023:

Individual's age on or after 1 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 <sup>^</sup> (on/after 1 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	No	Individuals aged 70 - 79 years before 1 September 2023 are eligible until their 80th birthday <sup>^^</sup>	Between 6 and 12 months following first dose <sup>^^^</sup>
50 years and over (no upper age limit)	Yes <sup>^^^^</sup>	On or after their 50th birthday	Between 8 weeks and 6 months following first dose <sup>^^^^^</sup>

<sup>^</sup> If an individual is already 65 or older but not yet 80 during phase one, General Practices can provide the vaccine opportunistically if operationally possible.

<sup>^^</sup> All immunocompetent individuals remain eligible for the shingles vaccine until their 80th birthday.

<sup>^^^</sup> 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.

<sup>^^^^</sup> Individuals who should be offered Shingrix® amongst this age group are summarised in the **Green Book chapter 28a - Shingles (herpes zoster) (external site)**.

<sup>^^^^^</sup> Once severely immunocompromised individuals have received 2 doses of Shingrix®, they will not require re-vaccination.

### References:

1. JCVI (2019) Minutes of JCVI meetings: [www.gov.uk/government/groups/joint-committee-on-vaccination-and-immunisation#minutes](http://www.gov.uk/government/groups/joint-committee-on-vaccination-and-immunisation#minutes)
2. 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](http://www.gov.wales/changes-shingles-vaccinations-september-2023-whc2023024)

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[www.nhs.uk/conditions/shingles](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/shingles)

### Further information:

- Green Book chapter 28a: **Shingles (herpes zoster): the green book, chapter 28a - GOV.UK (external site)**
- Public Health Wales - Immunisation and vaccine information for the public and health professionals: **Immunisation and Vaccines - Public Health Wales**
- Shingrix® (Electronic Medicines Compendium UK) – Summary of product characteristics (SmPC): **Shingrix® (emc) (medicines.org.uk) (external site)**
- If you would like to order more copies of this poster or any immunisation publications, please visit: **Health Information Resources - Public Health Wales**