



# Shingles immunisation programme toolkit for Healthcare Practitioners

This document has been designed to help healthcare practitioners plan their shingles immunisation programme.



## Check your knowledge: training and learning

- Immunisation training information and a shingles vaccination programme slide set are provided on the [Training Resources and Events page](#). A shingles eLearning module will be developed, this will be available here in early 2024: [Immunisation eLearning - Public Health Wales \(nhs.wales\)](#).



- If you are a registrant new to immunising you will need to complete the Immunisation programme for new immunisers, available here: [Immunisation eLearning - Public Health Wales \(nhs.wales\)](#) and the [competency assessment tool](#).
- Health Care Support Workers (HCSWs) who have achieved education and training to Level three of the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) or

equivalent in England and Wales with at least 2 years' experience as a HCSW should be considered for training in vaccine administration. Training for HCSWs is facilitated by Health Boards across Wales based around the **National Minimum Standards and Core Curriculum for Immunisation Training of HCSWs**. Those new to immunisation should receive comprehensive immunisation training, preferably through a formal foundation course. It should follow a framework that encourages supervised practice and support and also enables robust assessment of competence. The Royal College of Nursing competency assessment tool has a specific [assessment tool for HCSWs](#).

- Read the **Shingles Green Book chapter 28a** and **UKHSA Shingles vaccination: guidance for healthcare professionals**. (\*\*Note Policy in England is different to Wales in relation to opportunistic offer of shingles vaccination, please keep this in mind while referring to this document\*\*)
- Read the Welsh Health Circular: **Changes to the Shingles Vaccinations (from September 2023) (WHC/2023/024)**.
- Share learning with all those involved in the programme, including reception staff booking appointments. Consider using the **national shingles slide set** to run a training and information session for colleagues.

## Clinical resources

Bookmark the following useful websites so you can refer to them quickly if needed:

- **Shingles (herpes zoster): the Green Book, chapter 28a - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))**
- **PHW Shingles information for health professionals microsite page**
- **PHW Shingles FAQ's Frequently asked questions (sharepoint.com)**
- **PHW: NHS Wales shingles vaccination programme Visual aid for Healthcare Professionals**
- **UKHSA Shingles vaccination: guidance for healthcare practitioners**
  - **GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))** (\*\*Note Policy in England is different to Wales in relation to opportunistic offer of shingles vaccination, please keep this in mind while referring to this document\*\*)
- **Health Board vaccine team contacts**



## Other clinical resources required

**PGD/PSDs:** An appropriately authorised local health board PGD for Zostavax® and Shingrix® are required or a Patient Specific Direction (PSD), that a prescriber has prepared, if non-registered staff are administering the vaccine or if the patient is outside the remit of a PGD.

**Shingles infection is not related to season, but it is related to age so don't let your patients wait. The shingles vaccine may be their best birthday present this year.**



## Order or download your free resources

**Free** patient resources are available on our **Health Information Resources page** including:

- ✓ **Shingles eligibility poster**
- ✓ **Shingles vaccination leaflet**



Professional resources are available on our **microsite page** including:

- ✓ **PHW: NHS Wales shingles vaccination programme Visual aid for Healthcare Professionals**
- ✓ **Shingles invitation letter templates** (one with date/time for appointment, one open contact)

# Plan your programme

## Remember

- ✓ Shingles vaccination can be offered all year round.
- ✓ To plan to offer the vaccine within 12 weeks of your patient turning 65 or 70 years old.
- ✓ To catch up immunosuppressed patients from aged 50 as a priority in the first year of the programme change (September 2023 - September 2024).
- ✓ Those that were previously eligible for the shingles vaccine prior to 01 September 2023 (aged 70 – 79 years before 01/09/2023) remain eligible.
- ✓ Where an individual has already attained or passed the age of 65 but not yet 80 (up until 2028), general practices can accommodate opportunistic vaccination if operationally possible.

## Actions

- Identify your eligible patients who have not received shingles vaccine previously:
  - Those reaching 65 and 70 years of age during each month (using search e.g., Audit+) including housebound patients / patients in care homes.
  - Those severely immunosuppressed aged 50 years and over.
- Ensure staff have received appropriate training for administration of shingles vaccine(s) and have been assessed using the **RCN competency assessment tool**.
- Ensure current in-date authorised PGDs are available for registrants.
- When non-registered staff are administering the vaccine, a prescriber should assess and prepare a PSD for legal authorisation and in instances where the patient is outside the remit of a PGD.
- Have the PGDs and the **Shingles Green Book Chapter 28a** available to refer to when discussing vaccination with patients and checking their medical history. This will aid assessment to determine the right vaccine for the right patient (while Zostavax® still available for patients who were previously eligible for shingles vaccine prior to 01 September 2023).
- Ensure newly eligible patients are invited within 12 weeks of becoming eligible using a robust call/recall as directed in **WHC/2023/023**. There should be three attempts to contact eligible patients, these can be calls, emails, text messages or written invitations. At least one **must** be a written invitation. Shingles invitation template letters are available [here](#) under 'clinical resources and information' section.
- Ensure that a second dose appointment is scheduled or discussed with the patient when given Shingrix.
- Ensure eligible patients are flagged on the system to promote opportunistic vaccination (for example on patient request, at chronic disease clinics, routine appointments).
- Each month/quarter, update your list of patients still eligible on the shingles vaccination planner and feedback progress made at practice meetings.
- Remember to add your requirement for shingles vaccine in with your childhood vaccine order through ImmForm. Aim to hold no more than 2 weeks' worth of stock.
- An All Wales, Health Board, Local Authority and GP uptake calculation dashboard can be found [here](#) (the dashboard data can be exported to Excel by clicking on the Download button at the top right of the dashboard and selecting Crosstab).
- Celebrate your success: share initiatives you have used to optimise uptake with your **local health board** Senior Nurse (Immunisation and vaccination) / Immunisation Co-ordinator.

**Remember to advise patients that having their routine shingles vaccine is a good way of looking after their health so that they can get on with enjoying life reducing their risk of developing shingles.**



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gwasoddiaid yr eryr cyn 01 Medi 2023). Mae llithrau templed gyda Zostavax® ar gael o hyd i gleifion a oedd yn gymwys ar y brechfaid periodol ar gyfer y claf periodol (tra bo brechu gyda chleifion a gwirio eu hanes meddygol. Bydd hyn yn cynorthwyo yn yr asesiad i benedrynu Chapter 28a ar gael i gyfeirto at ynt wrth draddod

Sicrhau bod PGDs a Shingles Green Book

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Sicrhau bod PGDs awdurdodedig cyfreol ar gael i'r rhaib sy'n cofrestru,

assessment tool. wedi'u hasesu gan ddefnyddio RCN Competency periodol ar gyfer rhoi brechfaid(au) yr eryr a'u bod Sicrhau bod staff wedi derbyn hyfforddiant

difrifol. Y rhaib 50 oed a hŷn sydd ag imiwnoddiffygiant carrefi gofali.

gynnwys chleifion sy'n gathol i'r ty / cleifion mewnw mis (gan ddefnyddio chwiliad e.e., Audit+) gan

Y rhaib sy'n cryraedd 65 a 70 oed yn ystod pob brechfaid yr eryr yn flamenrol:

Nodwch eich cleifion gymwys nad ydychnt wedi cael

Gamau Gweithredu

Dai i fynd a chleifion sydd ag imiwnoddiffygiant o 50 oed fel blaenorol eth ym mwyaddy n gyntaf y newid rhaglen (Medi 2023 - Medi 2024).

Wythnos iechyd claf droi'n 65 neu 70 oed. Cyflunio i gynrig y brechfaid o fewn 12

Mae posib cynrig brechfaid rhag yr eryr drwy gydol y flwyddyn.

Cofiwch

Cyflunio eich rhaglen

- Mae'r rhaib a oedd yn gymwys ar gyfer brechfaid ei drenu neu ei draddod apwyntiad ariannol sy'n parhau i fod yn gyrraedd neu wedi cronig, apwyntiad arferol).
- Gwneucwch yn siwr bod cleifion apwyntiad ym cael eu ei drenu neu ei draddod apwyntiad ariannol sy'n parhau i fod yn gyrraedd neu wedi cronig, apwyntiad arferol).
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- Bod mis / chwarter, diweddarwch eich rhestr o cofiwch ychwanegu eich goffyniad am frechfaid yr eryr gyda'r archeb brechfaid plentyndod drwy LymForm. Ceiswch beidiol a chadw mwy na'r eryr gyda'r archeb brechfaid plentyndod possib allforio datar danosfwrdd i Excel drwy Awdurdodau Lleol a Meddygon Teulu Yma (mae niferedd Cymru Gwylfan, Bryddau Lecydd, niferedd Cymru Gwylfan, Bryddau Lecydd, Dathluwch eich llwyddiant: rhannwch fentrau danosfwrdd a devis Cross-tab).
- Mae posib fod o hyd i ddanosfwrdd cyfrifo glicio ar y botwm Lawrwytho ar ochr dde uchaf y dathluwch eich llwyddiant: rhannwch fentrau danosfwrdd a devis Cross-tab).
- Mae'r hawl o'r doleni sydd wedi'i greu gan sefydliadau eraill ac effaith na arwain at gynnwys sydd wedi'i cyrraedd yn yr wybodaeth hon yn fydd ar gael yn gyfarfageg.

- Mae'r rhaib a oedd yn gymwys ar gyfer brechfaid yr eryr cyn 01 Medi 2023 (70 i 79 oed cyn 01/09/2023) yn parhau'n gymwys.
- Os yw unigolyn eisoes wedi cyrraedd neu wedi pasio 65 oed ond heb fod yn 80 oed eto (hyd at 2028), gall meddygerydd ddarparu ar gyfer brechfaid mantiesgar os yw'n weithredol bosibl.
- Mae'r rhaib a oedd yn gyrraedd neu wedi pasio 65 oed ond heb fod yn 80 oed eto (hyd at 2028), gall meddygerydd ddarparu ar gyfer brechfaid mantiesgar os yw'n weithredol bosibl.





# Pecyn addoddau rhaaglen imiwlennidio rhag yr eryr ar gyfer Ymarferyddion Gofal lechyd eu rhaaglen imiwlennidio rhag yr eryr.

- Dylai'r rheil sy'n newydd i imiwlennidio gael a chyflwr ymwysedd. Mae gan anodd asesiaid cadarn o trwmwath sy'n annog ymarfer a chefnogaeth dan ddeffrydol drwy gwers yliffran ffurfiol. Dylai ddilyn hyfforddiant cyhwystrawr ar imiwlennidio, yn ddodgfein yma\*\*).
- Darllenwch **Shingles Green Book chapter 28a a UKHSA Shingles vaccination: guidance for healthcare professionals** (\*\*)Cofnïch fod y polisi yn Lloegr yn wahanol! Gymru mewm perthynas a chynlling mantiesgar o frechid yr eryr, a fydd eich crystal a chadw hyn mewm cof wrth gyfeirio at y aukiau.
- Darllenwch **Shingles Green Book chapter 28a i Frechidau'r Eryr (o fis Medi 2023 ymlaeu)** a ukhshd.gov.uk/guidance/vaccination-shingles/ (WHC/2023/024).
- Darllenwch Glychlythyr lechyd Gymru: **Newidiadau apwyntiadau. Ystyriwch ddefnyddio'r gyfres sliediau rhaglen, gan gynnwys staff derbynifa sy'n archefbu hyfforddiant a gwybodaeth i gydwethwyd.**

- Os ydych chi wedi cofrestru o'r newydd i imiwlennidio bydd angen i chi gwblhau'r rhaglen ar gael yma: e-Ddysgu-limiwlennidio - lechyd Cyhoeddus Gymru (gig-cymru) a'r Competency assessment tool.
- Imiwlennidio ar gyfer imiwlennidwr newydd, sydd a gyhoeddus Cyhoeddus Gymru (gig-cymru) a'r Competency assessment tool.
- Dylid ystyried Gwethwyr Cefnogi Gofal lechyd (HCSWs) sydd wedi cyflawni addysg a hyfforddiant lechyd (e-Ddysgu-limiwlennidio - lechyd Cyhoeddus Gymru (gig-cymru)) a'r Competency assessment tool.
- Ilefel tri y Fframwaith Cymrwystrau a Chredydau (HCSWs) sydd wedi cyflawni addysg a hyfforddiant lechyd (e-Ddysgu-limiwlennidio - lechyd Cyhoeddus Gymru (gig-cymru)) a'r Competency assessment tool.

Mae Brechu yn achub bywydau  
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