

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Vaccination FAQs

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Documentation links

The following RSV documentation has been published:

- Green Book chapter:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/respiratory-syncytial-virus-the-green-book-chapter-27a>
- Guidance documents and training slide set for health care professionals:
 - [RSV Programme Information for Healthcare Professionals](#)
 - [RSV older adults' vaccination programme slide set](#)
 - [RSV maternal vaccination programme slide set](#)
 - [Patient Group Directions Y & H](#)

GP contract

Routine NHS-funded vaccinations and immunisations are delivered as essential services under the GP Contract from the 1 September 2024, the RSV vaccination programme will be included. There is no expectation that there will be any additional specifications or local commissioning requirements for this routine programme.

- Practices will be responsible for proactively inviting individuals for their vaccine when they become eligible (i.e. from an individual's 75th birthday).
- Practices will also be responsible for proactively inviting individuals aged 75-79 years on 31 August 2024 as soon as possible. The expectation is that the catch-up activity (for adults aged 75-79 years old as of 31st August 2024) is undertaken at the earliest opportunity with the majority completed in the first 12 months of the programme.

- To offer the best protection, we are asking providers to vaccinate as many people as possible during September and October 2024 prior to the expected RSV season.

Under the terms of the Network Contract DES, practices will be able to collaborate within their Primary Care Networks to provide vaccination during core and enhanced hours to their collective registered population, including their collective registered population residing in care homes

Recording of vaccination

GP Practices should ensure RSV vaccination events are recorded onto their GPIT system in line with all other routine vaccinations

Payment mechanism

The Statement of Financial Entitlements (SFE) will be updated in due course to include RSV at the standard item of service fee.

Payments will be supported by GPES and CQRS for the adult programmes.

Please note that for those turning 80 in the first year who remain eligible until 31 August 2025, payment claims post the individuals 80th birthday will need to be made manually.

Ordering RSV vaccination

- Practices should order Abrysvo® online via the ImmForm website. Abrysvo® will be available to order from 1st August 2024 and practices will be able to monitor their orders and deliveries through ImmForm. It is recommended that providers order no more than 2 weeks' worth of stock.
- The vaccine for the adult programme is listed as a separate product from the vaccine for the programme for pregnant women to protect infants on ImmForm and separate orders should be placed where both cohorts are being vaccinated
- Vaccines ordered for the older adult cohort should not be used to vaccinate pregnant women (and vice versa).
- For further detail please refer to ImmForm's 'product ordering' page

Leaflets and posters

The RSV vaccination leaflet and poster are suitable for all RSV vaccination settings including GP practices.

Paper copies of this leaflet are available to order ([product code: C24RSV01EN](#)).

RSV vaccination for older adults poster

A poster for the RSV for older adults programme is available to order ([product code: RSVOAEN](#)).

Co-administration of RSV vaccine

Older adults:

- Abrysvo® should not be routinely scheduled to be given to older adults at the same appointment or on the same day as an influenza or COVID-19 vaccine.
- No specific interval is required between administering the vaccines. If it is thought that the individual is unlikely to return for a second appointment or immediate protection is necessary, Abrysvo® could be administered at the same time as influenza and/or COVID-19 vaccine.
- Abrysvo® can be given at the same time as pneumococcal, shingles vaccine and any live vaccines

Pregnant women:

- Abrysvo® should not be routinely scheduled with other vaccinations in pregnancy.
- Pregnant women can have Abrysvo® co-administered with inactivated influenza vaccine, COVID-19 vaccine and/or anti-D immunoglobulin, **if necessary**.
- When more than one vaccine is administered, it should be at different sites, preferably different limbs. If a pertussis containing vaccine has not been given by the time of attendance for Abrysvo® RSV vaccine, both vaccines can and should be given at the same appointment to ensure prompt development of immune response

Who can administer RSV vaccine

Other trained staff may offer vaccination where a prescriber has issued a Patient Specific Direction. Where a PSD is issued, the prescriber has a duty of care and is professionally and legally accountable for the care they provide including the delegation of any administration of medicines they prescribe. The prescriber must be satisfied that the person to whom the administration is delegated has the qualifications, experience, knowledge and skills to provide the care or treatment involved. Advice is available from the GMC and the NMC.

Providers should refer to the PGD for further guidance. PGD will be available in August 2024 and will be available via the Yorkshire and Humber PGD webpage.