

HPV INFO

Human Papilloma Virus for teenagers

WHAT IS IT FOR???

Protects against cancers:

- Cervical cancer
- some mouth and throat (head and neck) cancers
- some cancers of the anal and genital areas

Girls and boys aged 12 to 13 years (born after 1 September 2006) are offered the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine.

**NOT COVID-
VACCINE!**



-This does **NOT** mean your child is sexually active. It is about protecting you later in life.

-The virus does not usually do any harm because the person's immune system clears the infection.

-Sometimes the infection stays in the body for many years, and then it may start to cause damage.

-71% less chance of getting Cervical Cancer

- SAFETY:

A vaccine can only be used in people if scientific tests, called clinical trials, show it's safe and effective, and the benefits outweigh any risks.

More than 100 million people have been vaccinated worldwide.



- 2 DOSES:

1) Girls and boys aged 12 to 13 years offered the 1st HPV vaccination when they're in school Year 8.

2)The 2nd dose is offered 6 to 24 months after the 1st dose.

-HPV infections can be spread and are usually found on the fingers, hands, mouth, and genitals.

- SIDE EFFECTS:

Redness, swelling or pain at the site of the injection – the most common side effect, but it should wear off within a couple of days.

Headaches, bruising or itching at the site of the injection, a high temperature or feeling hot and shivery, feeling sick (nausea), pain in the arms, hands, fingers, legs, feet or toes

