The following action was outlined in the initial communication and subsequent communications but there is still a high volume of claims that need to be checked by practices.

Actions:

- 1. Sept 24 and Oct 24 CQRS achievement for Pertussis will need to be checked against the **patient record** to determine where the vaccination was given.
 - Tick the Non-GMS Flag within each record or update system coding as appropriate using "other healthcare provider" SNOMED code 956971000000108.
- Sept 24 Dec 24 achievement for RSV Pregnant Women will need to be checked against the **patient record** to determine where the vaccination was given. (Some of the earlier claims incorrectly included adult vacs too, so possibly two separate issues with this programme).
- 3. Contact the London Imms Team at <u>england.londonimms@nhs.net</u> to either confirm that the CQRS extraction has been validated against the **patient record** and is correct or advise which programme/month needs to be amended.

Please can practices check their claims within CQRS and if there are still claims waiting to be approved for the two programmes and achievement month the action above will need to be taken. <u>Please can these outstanding claims be addressed</u> <u>urgently and by 30th June 2025 at the latest.</u>

Future Actions:

Some of the vaccination programmes within the CQRS system are for services mostly provided by the School Aged Immunisation Service or by the Maternity Units. There are occasions where these are given within the GP surgery, but the volumes are not expected to be very high. We do however appreciate that some practices have a high number of students and/or have many pregnant women who have their maternal vaccinations with the practice. Either of these may mean that an individual practice's CQRS is higher than average.

To ensure that we are making payments correctly, we will now be making additional checks for claims of 5 vacs and above for the following programmes:

HepB At-Risk Babies HPV Programme MenACWY Programme Pertussis Programme RSV Pregnant Women Programme

Checks were already being carried out for the HepB and HPV Programme but we now need to include these others. Practices should already be checking their data prior to declaring an item, but to avoid delays to payments, it would be helpful if practices could add a declaration note to these items to confirm that the patient records have been checked and that the vaccinations were given in the practice. Items of 5 and above will not be automatically approved until confirmation has been received which will cause a delay in the item being approved.

If you are not sure whether your practice has already taken the initial action, please check the status of the items within CQRS to see if they are still waiting to be approved. Items recently checked/amended will have a note added which you can also view. Please do not ask the team to check as they will not have the resources to check for you due to the amount of outstanding claims and queries.

We thank you for undertaking these actions, which help ensure that vaccines are both coded and paid correctly, which helps the wider health system understand the impact and effectiveness of vaccination programmes. If you have any queries about this, please do contact our team at <u>england.londonimms@nhs.net</u>.