

Following the change to the programme, please also be aware of the following information:

Recording of the outcome of the blood test (preferably DBS) to ascertain the presence of Hepatitis B in children on the HepB selective neonatal and infant immunisation pathways, has always been part of the core GP contract. This was previously linked to the 12-month monovalent vaccination, funded via an IOS fee. Following the policy decision to remove this vaccination as a result of the introduction of a universal Hep B containing Hexavalent vaccine at 18 months, the test will no longer be linked to the 12-month vaccination event and can be carried out at any point between 12 and 18 months. The recording of the results of the blood test, as with the recording of the clinical outcome of any test, is a core contractual requirement and is funded via the global sum.

Please note that for GP practices that opted into the hep B home service, the DBS test can be carried out by the hep B home service, rather than the GP Practice.

If you have a query around this communication or wish to raise a claim, please contact the team at england.londonimms@nhs.net