

NW London Children and Young People Bulletin

Welcome to our monthly BCYP bulletin - an update of BCYP related news and issues.

Thank you for all of your hard work and going the extra mile for the BCYP of NW London.

Please do contact us at cyp.nwl@nhs.net with any feedback, concerns or updates.

Best wishes

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Measles FAQs

As the number of measles cases rises, we want to remind you of helpful resources.

NW London has an FAQ on MMR vaccine for parents - please download and share

NHSE has updated its Measles FAQs. Version 2 is on their website:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/measles-frequently-asked-questions>

Key change to **advice for the public**: You should ask for an urgent appointment with your GP practice or get help from NHS 111 if you have a child < 1 year of age who you think has been in close contact with measles

UKHSA has published resources for members of the public to encourage awareness of measles signs and symptoms, and to inform the public on how to prevent the spread of measles including MMR vaccine uptake [Immunisation - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/immunisation) (www.gov.uk)

NHS England has contacted parents of children aged from six to 11 years, whose medical records show that they have not had two doses of the MMR vaccine encouraging them to make an appointment with their child's GP practice for any missed doses

Key change to **advice for staff**: All frontline healthcare workers should have satisfactory evidence of protection against measles to protect both themselves and their patients. If there is any doubt about vaccination status, staff are encouraged to have the MMR.

Any healthcare workers who work in GP practices and come into contact with a measles case should access rapid testing via their personal GP practice.

Amendments have been made to:

- GP MMR payment arrangements
- PPE requirements in primary care
- The cleaning required following vacation of a space by a suspected/confirmed case of measles
- PPE fit testing in General Practice

All Age Autism Health Work Stream

Please see posters below that advertise the services available across NWL for families and young people. Please do share this information as widely as possible as its important to us to reach out to those especially whilst waiting for appointments.

<p>Courses For parents of ADHD/autistic children and young people</p> <h3>Online Parenting Courses</h3> <p>Centre for ADHD and Autism Support</p>  <p>For parents & carers in North-West London</p> <p>CAAS has a range of courses available for parents of ADHD/autistic children and young people (diagnosed or referred for diagnosis). Understanding Autism and Understanding ADHD are 6-week courses that focus on increasing parents' understanding of their ADHD/autistic child/teenager, and look at how best to support them.</p> <p>ADHD and Autism Parenting Boost is a 6-week follow-on course. The sessions are designed to provide enhanced understanding of the conditions, and offer additional strategies for parents.</p>  <p>Scan the QR code to sign up for one of our courses.</p> <p><small>www.adhdandautism.org Charity Registration No. 1193769</small></p> 	<p>Online Group For residents of North-West London</p> <h3>NWL Online Youth Group</h3> <p>For ages 11-19</p>  <p>Open access group - join any week</p> <p>Our NWL Online Youth Group has been created for young ADHD and/or autistic people, including those on a pathway to receiving a diagnosis. The group will give young people a chance to discuss current events, explore their identity, learn about neurodiversity, and positively connect with one another.</p> <p>When: Mondays, starting from 15th April 2024 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm</p> <p>Where: Online via ZOOM</p>  <p>Scan the QR code to join</p> <p><small>www.adhdandautism.org Charity Registration No. 1193769</small></p> 	<p>Drop-In Support For residents of North-West London</p> <h3>Online Parents Drop-In</h3> <p>Meet new people & learn about support & services available to you</p>  <p>For parents and carers of ADHD/autistic children and young people</p> <p>Our online drop-in support groups are a wonderful opportunity to talk to our family support team, who are here to offer guidance and support. Connect with other parents to share stories, offer advice, and build a supportive community. You are welcome whether your child is formally diagnosed, on the pathway, or if you suspect your child might need an assessment and want to know the next steps.</p> <p>Mondays, 10.30 am – 12.00 pm Wednesdays 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm</p>   <p>Contact enquiries@adhdandautism.org or scan the QR code to register</p> <p><small>www.adhdandautism.org Charity Registration No. 1193769</small></p> 
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Information Briefing re Autism Scam for Communities, Schools and Families

Safeguarding Briefing: April 2024

Who is this for?

This briefing is for Communities, Schools and Families to alert and warn you about a medical procedure claiming to provide a cure for autism.

What we know?

A doctor from Bangladesh has run sessions in London for parents with children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). These sessions wrongly claimed they can cure ASD with a new treatment. The treatment they are offering is an injection of a type of blood cells, called stem cells. This experimental treatment for Autism is unlicensed in UK, USA and other countries.

We have spoken to NHS colleagues including paediatricians and they strongly advise that families should **NOT** take up this treatment.

There are real risks this could be harmful for children with ASD and there is no clear evidence that it will help them.

The doctor seems to be targeting Bangladeshi and other Asian families.

The doctor is asking for £100 for an appointment, £8000 for the treatment and £350 for vitamins. He sometimes asks for this in American dollars.

This is both a medical and financial scam. We recommend that you DO NOT pay for or agree for this procedure to be undertaken on your child.

Who can I talk to?

- *Your social worker or early help worker*
- *Your GP or Paediatrician or NHS 111*
- *Your School*
- *The police on 101 or online at www.police.uk;*

General Information about autism?

Autism is a lifelong neurodevelopment difference that can have an impact on many areas of a person's life. Autistic people often experience differences in how they process information and their sensory environment and in how they understand and interact with other people.

While autistic people share some similar characteristics, they are also all different from each other. This is because autism is considered a 'spectrum'.

Like all people, autistic people have their own strengths and weaknesses.

Useful Links for support:

[National Autistic Society \(autism.org.uk\)](http://autism.org.uk)

[Where to get autism support - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

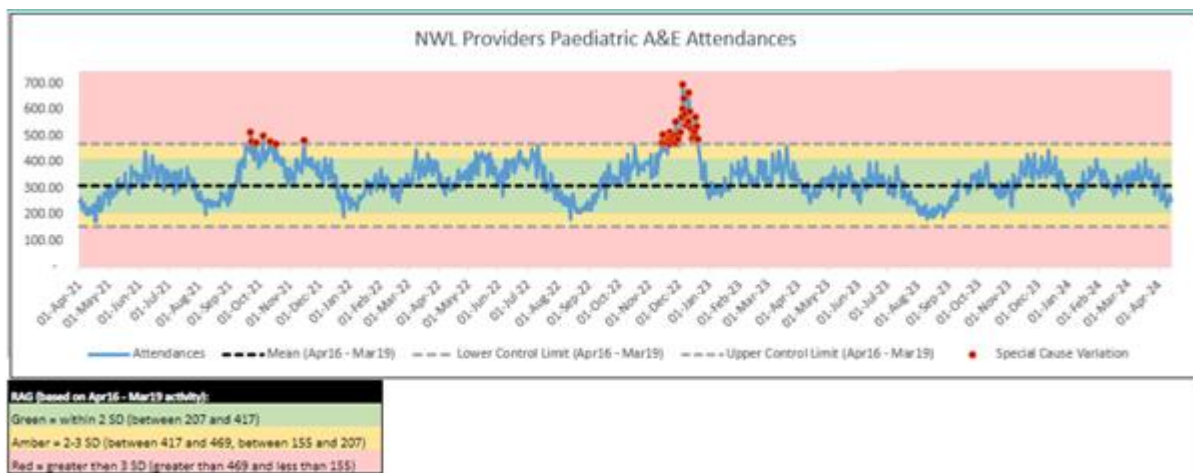
[The Family Hub | London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham \(lbhf.gov.uk\)](http://lbhf.gov.uk)

[Autism Education & Resources | Autism Speaks](#)

Paediatric A&E data trends

Key Points:

- In week 15, influenza activity continued to decrease across most indicators, and COVID-19 activity remained at low levels. Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) activity remained at low levels across all indicators.
- Overall, the hospitalisation rate for influenza decreased further to 0.72 per 100,000 compared with 1.18 per 100,000 in the previous week. The latest rate was within the baseline range (less than 1.57 per 100,000). The overall ICU or HDU rate for influenza was low at 0.03 per 100,000 compared with 0.04 in the previous week and was within the baseline impact range.



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If you need more information on any of the items listed above please contact the team at cyp.nwl@nhs.net.