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To all North West London General Practices

Reminder: Consent Requirements and Legal Framework for Vaccination Services

Dear Colleagues,

Please be reminded of the updated guidance in the Green Book chapter on consent (updated 27/10/25), specifically under the Principles of consent for immunisation.

To support consistent application of this guidance, please refer to the attached document, Advice on Consent to Immunisation, which provides detailed clarification on consent requirements and outlines which healthcare professionals can seek consent to vaccination and vaccine administration.

Key points include:

- Information provided to individuals must include details of the vaccination process, the benefits of immunisation, and the risks, including known side effects and what to do if they occur. This information must be provided by a registered healthcare professional with the appropriate knowledge and understanding of the vaccine being offered, who is able to answer questions to support informed consent.
- Where feasible, the registered healthcare professionals seeking consent should explore what matters to individuals, to enable discussion of relevant benefits and risks of immunisation, including the risks of not proceeding with vaccination.
- While it is outside the scope of healthcare support workers to obtain informed consent for vaccination, they may seek agreement to administer a vaccine where informed consent has already been obtained by a specified registered healthcare professional, as outlined in the attached guidance.
- It is advised to consider that the registered healthcare professional obtaining consent is a prescriber. This enables them to complete a PSD if the patient is happy to proceed.

Colleagues are also reminded of the importance of adhering to current guidance and legislation when delivering vaccination services, including COVID-19 and Flu programmes.

This includes compliance with the appropriate legal mechanisms, such as:

- Patient Group Directions (PGDs)
- National Protocols

Please ensure you are familiar with these principles and apply them consistently in your practice. The relevant guidance documents and links are attached for reference.

If you have any questions or would like support, please contact our quality team at nhsnwl.pcquality@nhs.net

Thank you for your continued commitment to safe and effective vaccination delivery.

Kind regards,



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