



VACCSline NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Spring edition of the VACCSline newsletter

A summary of data from VACCSline enquiries over a 12 month period

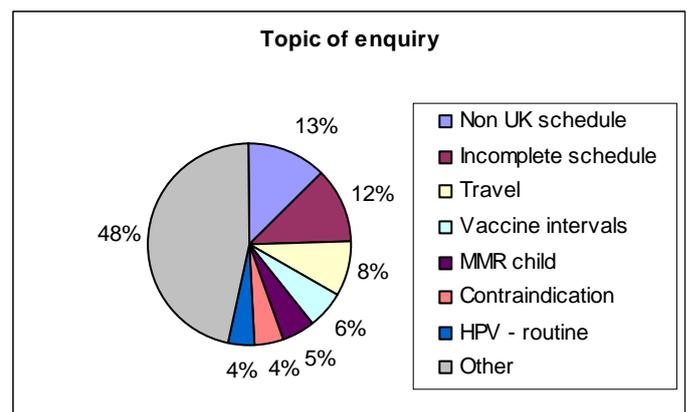
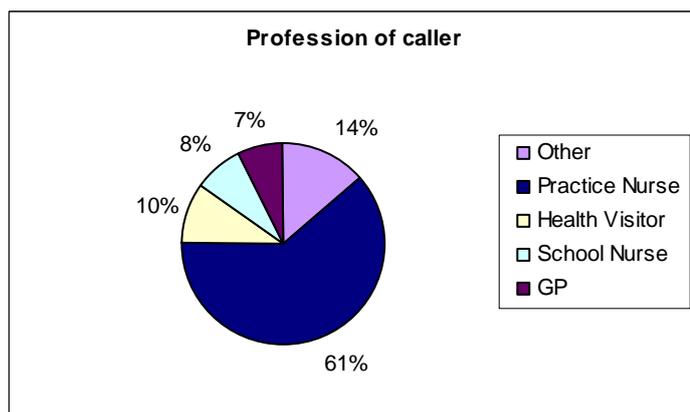
Between December 2008 and November 2009, VACCSline received a total of 1566 enquiries. A summary of these enquiries is presented below.

Mode of enquiry: Phone 76% (1,196), E-mail 20.8% (326), Letter 0.8% (13), Fax 0.2% (3), Not recorded 1.8% (28)

When the advice was required: Immediate 44.6% (698), for today 12% (190), this week 33.2% (521) next week 5.8% (93) previous event 4% (64),

VACCSline response time: Immediate 67.8% (1,004), within 5 minutes 5.2% (77), within 24 hours 18.8% (278), within 48 hours 1.4% (21), more than 48 hours 6.8% (101)

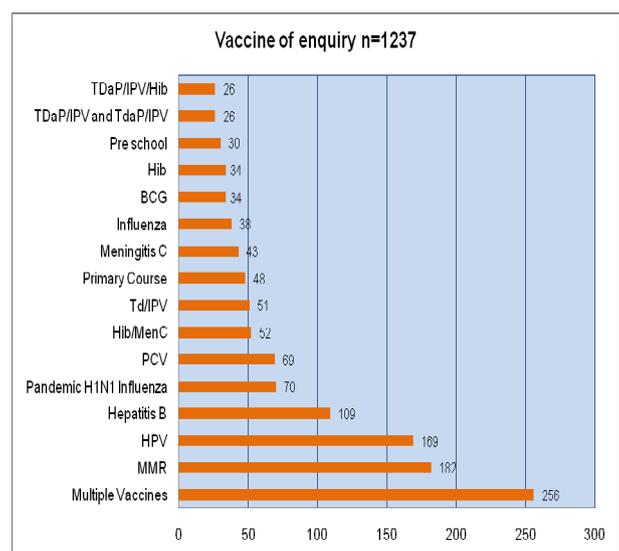
Enquiries were received from 305 different workplaces and 766 individuals. Practice nurses were the professional group that contacted the service most frequently. Non UK schedule was the most common topic of enquiry after those classified as "other". Where just one vaccine was being enquired about, MMR received the highest number of enquiries.



Referral to information resources

When giving vaccine advice the immunisation advisors at VACCSline highlight the information resource the advice is from, assisting enquirers to utilise key immunisation resources. Of 1566 enquiries, 863 were referred to an information resource, the top 6 being:

- 61% - 'Immunisation against infectious diseases' book
- 9% - Incomplete immunisations flow chart
- 7.6% - Chief Medical Officer (CMO) letter
- 4.1% - WHO website
- 3.6% - National Travel Health Network and Centre
- 2.6% - Vaccine update



These resources have all been highlighted in previous VACCSline newsletters and weblinks provided—see our webpage for previous newsletter editions.



Vaccine Advice for Clinicians Service
 Call on 0845 279 9878 or email vaccs.line@paediatrics.ox.ac.uk
 Webpage: <http://www.paediatrics.ox.ac.uk/ovg/Vaccsline.htm>

A frequent enquiry about MMR

Q. If an individual has received doses of single measles, mumps and rubella vaccines, do these count towards one of their doses of MMR?

A. No, the individual should receive two doses of MMR vaccine. Single measles, mumps and rubella vaccines are unlicensed, not subject to UK quality tests and their efficacy is unknown. Two doses of MMR vaccine is known to protect 99% of recipients against measles and rubella.

VACCSline webpage: The VACCSline webpage address is now on page one of the newsletter. This resource explains about VACCSline and its history and has links to documents we have produced such as a cold chain audit tool and a competency tool for immunisers. Your feedback is always welcome.

Exclusions to vaccination listed within Patient Group Directions (PGD's)

VACCSline has received enquires from practitioners working to a PGD about potential contraindications to vaccinating. If working to a PGD the specific description of those excluded from vaccination under the direction must be followed. This does not always mean they cannot be vaccinated as exclusion criteria and contraindications are not the same thing. If clarity is required then expert advice should be sought.

Patients excluded from vaccination under a PGD will require a patient specific direction from a prescriber. For those immunising within a situation where there is not a prescriber present, for example a school setting, the individual should be informed to go to their GP to be vaccinated.

Oxford Vaccine Group Update - A study planned to start shortly

Broader Protection Against Pneumococcal Disease

This follow-on study will look at the persistence of serotype-specific antibodies at 40 months of age in children who have received either the 7-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV7) or the 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV13) in infancy. The immunogenicity of PCV13 when given as a booster dose at 40 months of age will also be assessed.

Upcoming Immunisation Training

Oxford	Introduction to Immunisation Study Day 12th October - Unipart Centre Oxford	Contact: Kay Hewer 01865 421466 or http://www.oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk/Learning/Pages/Default.aspx
Buckinghamshire	29 June - Update, SMH 13 September - Flu update, High Wycombe 21 October - New Skills, High Wycombe	Contact: Education, learning & development 01296 310117
Milton Keynes	14 May- General Update, MK Post Graduate Centre	Contact: Tricia McNeil tricia.mcneil@mkhospital.nhs.uk or phone 01908 243763
Berkshire	Introduction to Immunisation Study Day 5 July -Easthampstead, Baptist Church (20 places available for other TVPCTs)	Contact: Sue Benjamin sue.benjamin@berkshire.nhs.uk or Irene Morse Irene.morse@berkshire.nhs.uk

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VACCSline provides advice on childhood & adult immunisations to health professionals in Buckinghamshire, Milton Keynes, Oxfordshire and West Berkshire. In East Berkshire immunisation enquiries should continue to be directed to the PCT Immunisation co-ordinator, Dr. Marilyn Lansley; either on her office number 01344 458109 or mobile 0771 247 1375. Her office number may be given to patients. For advice about adult travel immunisations, practitioners are directed to www.nathnac.org

VACCSline hours

Monday	10.30am to 4.15pm
Tuesday	9am to 4 pm
Wednesday	9am to 4.15pm
Thursday	9am to 4 pm
Friday	9.30 am to 1.30 pm

Vaccine Advice for Clinicians Service

Part of Oxford Vaccine Group, CCVTM, Churchill Hospital, Old Road, Headington, Oxford OX3 7LJ, and Thames Valley Health Protection Unit, Centre for Radiation, Chemical & Environmental Hazards, HPA, Chilton, OX11 0RQ