



Uptake of Vaccinations and Health Screening Services QSD on 14 May 2019

This briefing identifies relevant reports and useful documents, including recent parliamentary materials and press articles, which may be of assistance to Members in preparing for the following debate:

Baroness Walmsley to ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to promote the uptake of vaccinations and health screening services.

Copies of the materials are available for collection from the Library.

Key Information

- House of Commons, ['Written Question: Vaccination'](#), 5 April 2019, 238302; House of Commons, ['Written Question: Vaccination: Disinformation'](#), 26 March 2019, 233488

Responses to written questions in which the government has explained that Public Health England and NHS England are taking steps to improve vaccination coverage, including the promotion of facts related to the value of immunisation.

- National Health Service, [The National Health Service Long Term Plan](#), January 2019, p 15, para 1.11 and pp 56–61

The NHS long term plan is a 10-year plan to improve patient care and health outcomes; this section particularly looks at modernising and expanding cancer screening. Also included is a paragraph on reviewing immunisation standards and uptake.

- Public Health England, [UK Measles and Rubella Elimination Strategy 2019](#), January 2019, pp 11–12

Executive summary of the UK's strategy to eliminate measles and rubella; this explains four core goals in order to maintain elimination status including coverage of the vaccination, surveillance of cases and easy access to high-quality evidence-based information.

- National Audit Office, [Investigation into the Management of Health Screening](#), 1 February 2019, pp 17–26

Section of a report on the delivery and performance of health screening programmes in England; this shows the levels of coverage in screening programmes. In 2017–18, none of the programmes met their standard target. Bowel, abdominal aortic aneurysm and breast screening all met their lower threshold targets but cervical screening did not.

- House of Commons Library, [Childhood Immunisation Statistics](#), 1 May 2019, p 3

Summary of a briefing on vaccinations that are given to children up to five years of age; this includes statistics on vaccination uptake across the UK. Measles, mumps and rubella immunisation rates by age 2 have fallen since 2013–14 and stand at 91 percent in England.

- Royal Society for Public Health, [Moving the Needle](#), January 2019, p 3

Executive summary of a report on the access and attitudes to vaccines and influences on uptake. This includes recommendations to increase uptake, which covers tackling negative misconceptions of vaccines and improving access to vaccinations.

- British Medical Association, '[Childhood Immunisation](#)', 7 December 2018

An online statement from the British Medical Association which summarises the effectiveness of vaccines and makes recommendations to ensure adequate coverage. Recommendations include targeting certain population groups, improving awareness and ensuring funding for services.

Parliamentary Debate, Statements and Questions

- A selection of written questions from both Houses: [242896](#) (15 April 2019); [229212](#) (11 March 2019); [222010](#) (20 February 2019); [HL13528](#) (18 February 2019); [HL13213](#) (12 February 2019)
- [Oral question on 'Vaccine Hesitancy'](#), HL Hansard, 1 April 2019, cols 1–4
- [Oral question on 'Health: Vaccines'](#), HL Hansard, 29 January 2019, cols 994–6
- [Debate on 'Social Media and Health'](#), HC Hansard, 30 April 2019, cols 135–146
- [Debate on 'World Immunisation Week'](#), HC Hansard, 2 May 2019, cols 385–414

Press Articles and Comment

- Susan Scutti, '[How Countries Around the World Try to Encourage Vaccination](#)', CNN, 2 January 2018
- Alexi Mostrous and Justin Stoneman, '[Compulsory Vaccinations for Children Considered by Health Secretary](#)', *Times* (£), 4 May 2019
- Julia Carrie Wong, '[How Facebook and YouTube Help Spread Anti-vaxxer Propaganda](#)', *Guardian*, 1 February 2019
- Public Health England, '[Public Health England Launches 'Cervical Screening Saves Lives' Campaign](#)', 5 March 2019
- BBC News, '[Italy Bans Unvaccinated Children from School](#)', 12 March 2019
- Philip Oltermann, '[German Parents May Face Fine for Refusing Measles Vaccination](#)', *Guardian*, 6 May 2019
- Lena H Sun, '[Parents of 3 NYC Children Face \\$1,000 Penalty for Violating Measles Order](#)', *Washington Post*, 19 April 2019

Further Information

- The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Vaccinations for All, [The Next Decade of Vaccines](#), January 2019
- UK National Screening Committee, [Screening in the UK: Making Effective Recommendations](#), 2018
- World Health Organization, '[Global Vaccine Action Plan](#)', 2013
- UK Government, '[Immunisation Against Infectious Disease](#)', 2 September 2014
- UK Government, '[Immunisation](#)', 29 October 2018
- Public Health England, '[Campaign Resource Centre](#)', accessed 8 May 2019
- Public Health England and National Health Service England, [Immunisation and Screening National Delivery Framework and Local Operating Model](#), 23 May 2013

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