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Dear Colleague

INTRODUCTION OF A SECOND BRAND OF VACCINE FOR PRE-SCHOOL BOOSTING

You will recall that the DHSSPS circular HSS(MD) 24/2004 announced the changes to the vaccines offered in the routine childhood immunisation schedule. This letter is to inform you that a second vaccine is now available for pre-school boosting.

DTaP/IPV (Infanrix-IPV) is licensed for use in the UK as a pre-school booster. It is similar to Repevax (dTaP/IPV) but Infanrix-IPV contains full strength diphtheria vaccine and a 3 component acellular pertussis vaccine. Infanrix-IPV is manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline.

We recommend that either Repevax or Infanrix-IPV is used for pre-school boosting in the routine childhood programme. **It should be noted that neither product is recommended nor licensed for primary immunisations in children under 10 years of age.** Further information on the use of the vaccines is available in the replacement Green Book chapters on diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and polio which are available on the web at www.immunisation.nhs.uk

Infanrix-IPV will be available to order by hospital pharmacies from Castlereagh Pharmaceuticals from January. When possible, both Repevax and Infanrix-IPV will be available for ordering. However there may be times when one vaccine is issued in preference to balance stock levels.

For those practices that choose to use PGDs, a sample PGD for Repevax and Infanrix-IPV is available at www.immunisation.nhs.uk. Boards may choose to use this draft as the basis of their own PGD and tailor them to reflect local needs.

Yours sincerely



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