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For Action: Assistant Director Pharmacy and Medicines Management
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DRUG ALERT MEDICINES RECALL

Dear Healthcare Professional

**GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals sa
Cervarix suspension for injection in prefilled syringes
Human papillomavirus vaccine
Eu/1/07/419/004**

Batch number	Expiry date	Pack size	First distributed
AHPVA043BB	09/2010	1 Syringe + needle	1 May 2009

Following the tragic death of a young girl, who had received vaccination from the above batch of Cervarix, the Department of Health has issued a quarantine notification.

As a further precautionary measure, GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals sa is now undertaking a voluntary recall of the above batch of Cervarix pending further investigation.

Please quarantine any remaining stocks of this batch. Movianto UK Ltd will contact customers directly regarding stock and the details of the product to be collected. Movianto can be contacted by email (customercare.uk@movianto.co.uk)

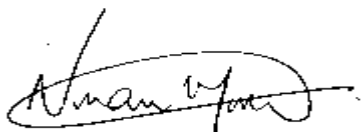
The benefit risk assessment for the vaccine remains unchanged; there is currently no proven link between vaccination and the event and the HPV vaccination programme will continue.

No other batches are affected by this recall. Further stocks of vaccine from different batches can be ordered in the usual way.

HSC Board/RQIA should bring this information to the attention of private hospitals/clinics registered with them, Out of Hours Centres and any other relevant care facilities.

The Business Services Organisation is asked to bring this information to the attention of Community Pharmacists and General Medical Practitioners directly.

Yours sincerely



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