

Dear Parent/Guardian

## Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccine

**Do you have a child in year 9, 10 or 11 who missed the HPV vaccination offer in school? The HPV vaccine is a single-dose vaccine and is routinely offered to all students from Year 8. Students that have already received the vaccine do not require another dose. This notice is for anyone who has not already received the HPV vaccine.**

- If you have already submitted a form giving consent for the HPV vaccination, and your child has not received the vaccine, you do not need to re-submit. If you are unsure, please call the team on **01392 342678 for Devon schools and 01872 221105 for Cornwall schools** and we will be able to advise. **If you have consented previously and now wish to withdraw consent, please contact Kernow Health in the first instance.**

If you have not submitted a consent form, please click on this link

<https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/HPV.aspx> and enter the unique **school code DV148369** where asked to do so.

- We will be visiting the school **on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026** and again later in the year as well as running some community catch-up clinics at various venues around the county. We will give every opportunity for you to have your child immunised. Please submit your consent form by **9.00am 23rd April 2026** in order to ensure your child receives their vaccination.
- ***Your child can self-consent to treatment if they are considered competent to do so by one of our nurses; this is known as Gillick competency. If you require any further information in this regard, please contact us or go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/consent-to-treatment/children/>***

For more information about the HPV programme please click [here](#) please also note that as in previous years you must **opt-in** to the programme. If a consent form is not submitted your child might **not** be vaccinated. If you decide not to have your child vaccinated, it would help us if you complete a form and tick 'no' consent stating your reasons.

We are trying to improve how we communicate with patients. Please tell us if you need information in a different format or communication support.

Yours faithfully   
Dr Paul Cook  
**Chief Medical Officer**  
**Kernow Health**

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