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Dear Parent / Guardian,

New NHS England guidance regarding changes to the National Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccination Programme.

A change to one dose of the HPV vaccine has been under consideration since 2018 and, paired with the programme's switch to the Gardasil 9 HPV vaccination in 2021/22, there has been increasing evidence to support a one dose schedule.

In line with the changes to the HPV programme, SCFT Sussex Immunisation Service (SIS) are obligated to advise that where consent has been obtained for a two-dose vaccination schedule, these young people will **not** routinely be offered a second dose of the HPV vaccine from September 2023, as per the advice from the JCVI on efficacy and durability of a one dose HPV vaccine schedule.

This is because the original intention of a second dose will not be part of the programme from September 2023. However, SIS will be able to offer a two dose HPV vaccination schedule until 31st August 2023 and have scheduled community clinics for those who fall into one of the following categories:

- Had one dose of HPV 6 - 24 months ago (between March 2021 - August 2022).
- Aged between 12-16 (born between 1st September 2007 – 31st August 2011) and never received a HPV vaccination.

From September 2023, those aged between 13-16 (born between 1st September 2007 – 31st August 2010) and never received a HPV vaccination will be eligible to book into one of our community catch up clinics for the single dose vaccination.

For further information visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/single-dose-of-hpv-vaccine-jcvi-concluding-advice/jcvi-statement-on-a-one-dose-schedule-for-the-routine-hpv-immunisation-programme>

Yours sincerely,

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