

Dentists condemn failure on HPV vaccinations
(News from the British Dental Association)

Dentists have condemned news that the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has decided not to recommend an extension of the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination to school age boys.

BDA Chair Mick Armstrong said: "HPV has emerged as the leading cause of oropharyngeal cancers, so JCVI's unwillingness to expand the vaccination programme to boys is frankly indefensible. The state has a responsibility to offer all our children the best possible defence. "Dentists are on the front line in the battle against oral cancer, a condition with heart-breaking and life-changing results. Ministers can chose to sit this one out, or show they really believe in prevention."

HPV Action is asking members of the public, especially the parents of boys, to sign an online petition demanding gender-neutral vaccination, see www.hpvaction.org.

The British Dental Health Foundation provides this information about vaccines for boys: You can currently give boys the same level of protection as girls by getting a HPV vaccination from your pharmacy. Boots currently charges £300 for vaccinations for boys aged 12-14 and £450 for 15-year olds and over. It is wise to speak to your doctor before making a decision to have boys vaccinated. As it stands 95% of dentists support a gender-neutral HPV vaccination, as do 90% of GPs, with the majority of these willing to pay to have their own family members vaccinated.



5 Facts you need to know about Human Papilloma Virus

1. 5% of all cancers are globally linked to HPV
2. 13% of oral cancers are triggered by HPV
3. HPV is the most common STD in the world
4. Girls are vaccinated for HPV in the UK, but not boys
5. You can pay to vaccinate boys

Need to cancel?

Please contact us straight away if you have a change of plans meaning you can't attend your appointments. Every month at least 25 people fail to attend their appointment with us and do not let us know. Particularly during the school holidays, please check your appointment carefully when you receive the reminder letters and texts. You can send us a quick email if it is difficult to call.

Dental checks for children, toddlers and babies

Babies and children should see a dentist regularly to ensure their teeth and gums are healthy and ensure you are up to date with the latest advice. You can register your baby with a dentist as soon as they are born. Going for regular check ups will let them get used to the noises, smells and surroundings and prepare them for future visits. The earlier these visits start, the more relaxed the children will be. Your dentist will be able to provide important advice about looking after your baby's teeth and check their mouth. Leaving it until they are 2 or 3 can be too late to prevent tooth decay damaging their teeth. Call us now to arrange an appointment for your child.

New patients welcome

We are always happy to welcome new patients and we especially enjoy seeing those who come as referrals from our existing patients. If you have family or friends who could be interested in joining the practice then please pass on our details.

Emergencies

Emergency appointments are available everyday. Please ring first thing in the morning or leave a message on the answer phone prior to our opening and we will certainly be able to fit you in. Slots are usually at 12.15pm and 3.15pm.

Renovations

In August we replaced the equipment and cabinets in our Green Surgery, along with new flooring, lighting and redecorating. We now have a more ergonomic set up, brilliant lighting and a very comfortable dental chair.

Services

In addition to regular dental care we offer:
 Inhalation sedation (Happy Air) to help you relax
 Cosmetic dentistry
 Dental Implants
 Inman Aligner and Clear Aligners
 Hygiene treatments to assist with a cleaner healthier mouth

Our hours

Please contact our reception team to book an appointment:

Mon	Tues/ Wed/ Fri	Thurs
08:30 to 12:30	08:30 to 12:30	09:30 to 13:30
13:30 to 17:00	13:45 to 17:15	14:30 to 18:00

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