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# The variation

This variation is made to the agreement for 2014-15 made under section 7A of the National Health Service Act 2006 between the Secretary of State for Health and NHS England that was published in November 2013 (the '2014-15 agreement'). It is made in accordance with paragraphs A51 and A52 of that agreement.

The 2014-15 agreement including all service specifications within Part C is available at [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) (search for "commissioning public health")

# 1. Purpose

- 1.1. This is a variation to the 2014-15 agreement.
- 1.2. The NHS Commissioning Board is known as NHS England.
- 1.3. The changes coming into force under this variation are:
  - amended key deliverables for phased implementation of the extension of the seasonal influenza vaccination programme for children
- 1.4. The changes come into force on the date that this agreement is made.

## 2. Changes

- 2.1. From the date this variation comes into force, the table below headed "Table 4 (Variation No.1)" replaces Table 4 in the 2014-15 agreement. Table 4 is first mentioned in paragraph A26 of the 2014-15 agreement.

Table 4 (Variation No.1): Phased implementation of the extension of the seasonal influenza vaccination programme for children

<b>Key deliverables (shown in bold)</b>
<p><b>In 2014-15, NHS England will:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a) arrange provision of childhood flu vaccination for all 2 and 3 year olds;</b></li> <li><b>b) arrange provision for 4 year olds;</b></li> <li><b>c) continue delivery to primary school aged children (5-10 year olds), whether in schools or other settings, in the 7 pilot areas established in 2013/14; and</b></li> <li><b>d) commence delivery of childhood flu vaccination to children in secondary school years 7 and 8 (11 and 12 year olds) across 12 Area Teams.</b></li> </ul> <p>The best uptake of vaccination among 5-16 year olds is likely to be achieved through a predominantly school-based programme, with a limited provision in other community settings in some localities. However, it is recognised that the capacity of existing school nursing and immunisation teams is not currently sufficient to enable the programme to be offered to all children in this way.</p> <p>Work is being undertaken jointly by DH and NHS England, and with PHE, Health Education England and professional bodies to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• support the development of sustainable long-term solutions to ensure delivery of flu vaccination to all children aged 2 to 16,</li> <li>• ensure the availability of sufficient appropriately-trained staff, and</li> <li>• work with local government to develop the associated commissioning arrangements for school nursing to deliver the programme</li> </ul> <p>NHS England will arrange provision of a limited programme for children of secondary school age in 2014-15, offering vaccination to children in school years 7 and 8 in 12 Area Teams, in addition to the pilots for children of primary school age already established in 7 areas across 5 Area Teams.</p> <p>NHS England must ensure that all pilots participate in evaluation activity to inform implementation of a sustainable programme for future years. Public Health England will</p>

manage the overall evaluation activity. The data and information required for the evaluation will be determined by Public Health England, in discussion with the Department of Health and NHS England. Issues to be explored will include, but not be limited to, models of delivery, workforce requirements and skill mix, and commissioning requirements.