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The variation

This variation is made to the agreement for 2015-16 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 December 2014 (the '2015-16 agreement'). It is made in accordance with paragraphs 3.16 to 3.18 of that agreement.

The 2015-16 agreement including all service specifications within Part C is available at www.gov.uk (search for "commissioning public health").

1. Purpose

- 1.1. This is a variation to the 2015-16 agreement.
- 1.2. The NHS Commissioning Board is known as NHS England.
- 1.3. The changes coming into force under this variation are:
 - Implementation of the Men ACWY immunisation programme in 2015-16
- 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 B2 (Variation No.1)" will be added to Table B2 in the 2015-16 agreement.

Table B2 (Variation No.1): Implementation of the Men ACWY programme in 2015-16

Key deliverables (shown in bold)
<p>In financial year 2015-16, NHS England will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange provision of MenACWY vaccine for the following cohorts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All in school year 13 (as in 2014/15 academic/school year)¹ ○ All in school year 11 (as in 2015/16 academic/school year) • Arrange substitution of MenC vaccine by MenACWY vaccine in the existing routine MenC immunisation programmes for adolescents (13 to 14 year-olds) and older new entrants to university (19 to 24 year-olds). <p>This is subject to timely vaccine procurement and availability.</p> <p>NHS England will aim to implement these programmes and achieve as high coverage as is reasonably practicable.</p> <p>NHS England has agreed to fund the programme within existing S7A resources for 2015-16 only. Plans for the programme in 2016-17 and beyond will be considered in the context of future agreements about public health functions to be exercised by NHS England.</p> <p>The introduction of the MenACWY programme may result in lower than expected performance in other section 7A services – which may be below the baseline.</p>

¹ Timing and scale of delivery is dependent on the outcome of negotiations with the BMA General Practitioners Committee