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Children & Young People's Services

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HUMAN PAPILLOMA VACCINATION (HPV) PROGRAMME IN SCHOOLS

IF YOU RECEIVED EDITION 01 OF RED NOTICEBOARD EARLIER THIS MORNING – PLEASE IGNORE. I HAVE TRIED TO RECALL THE EMAIL, BUT IT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL FOR ALL OF YOU.

In it's place, please find attached a letter from NHS North Somerset for Heads to cascade to parents.

Apologies for any confusion.

Contact:
If you wish to have an article published in Noticeboard, please contact Christine Coomber, PA to Assistant Director (Personalised Learning)

Letter for Headteachers to cascade to parents

Dear Parent,

Re: Human Papilloma Vaccination (HPV) programme in schools

You will have heard about the death of a 14 year old girl who had received HPV vaccine in Coventry this week. We are writing to update you on the local situation

We now know that a serious underlying medical condition was likely to have caused this death. Even though this is the case, the manufacturers of the vaccine have asked that all doses of the vaccine from the same batch are returned to the manufacturer as an additional precautionary measure.

The HPV vaccination programme in North Somerset was temporarily halted for one day to check our stocks of vaccine and we can confirm that the batch that was used in Coventry has not been used in North Somerset schools. The vaccination programme will now continue as planned.

Parents and girls can be reassured that since the beginning of term there have been no reports of serious adverse reactions to this vaccination. As with any injection, there have been some girls who have had minor problems such as soreness around the injection site, nausea and dizziness have been reported.

The Cervarix vaccine has passed through rigorous testing and has a strong safety record. Several million doses have been given around the world and, and more than 1.4 million doses have been given to girls in the UK.

NHS North Somerset and the Specialist Public Health Nurses who administer the programme are committed to this important Public Health vaccination programme and hope that you will be reassured that the protection of girls from HPV infection, and the safety of our vaccination programme are our priorities.

Further information is available on http://www.immunisation.nhs.uk/

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