

Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission 15th June 2026 Item 6 - Childhood Immunisations in Hackney	Item No 6
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Outline

There are a number of routine childhood immunisation programmes in operation the UK which aim to prevent a number of illnesses including:

- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)
- Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio and Haemophilus influenzae type b HepB vaccine (DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB 6-in 1)
- Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) protecting against pneumonia, meningitis, and sepsis
- Meningitis B and C vaccine
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

The full national immunisation schedule setting out which vaccines are to be provided and when can be viewed [here](#).

The World Health Organisation (WHO) recommends that 95% coverage is reached for all routine childhood immunisations by age five. The most recent data available in England (2024/25) indicates that vaccination [coverage rates in England](#) for children aged five were below the 95% target for all vaccines. The latest full year data (2024/25) shows that regionally, London has the lowest childhood immunisation rates and that Hackney has among the lowest rates of coverage for all childhood immunisation programmes of all unitary authorities in England.

Recent outbreaks of measles (centred in Enfield in 2026, Hackney 2025) and meningitis (centred in Kent 2026) have raised concerns around vaccination coverage and the Commission is seeking assurance on effectiveness of local surveillance systems, vaccination programmes and efforts to address inequalities in vaccination take up.

Aims of the scrutiny session

- a) To set out strategic and financial framework for childhood immunisations in City & Hackney
- b) Describe the roles and responsibilities of City & Hackney Public Health (CHPH), Integrated Care Board, Vaccination UK, Primary Care and UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) for childhood immunisation programmes in Hackney.
- c) Provide local data and trends on childhood immunisation coverage and how this compares to regional and national coverage rates.

- d) Set out local /regional response to recent childhood illness outbreaks in other areas, lessons learned from measles outbreak in the Chared community in 2025 and preparedness for future outbreak.
- e) Local efforts to address low vaccination coverage in Hackney and reduce disproportionalities / inequalities.
 - i) CHPH immunisation strategy to improve take up: governance, funding, prioritisation & service planning, communications strategy.
 - ii) Understanding of barriers to uptake;
 - iii) Engagement and partnering arrangements with local communities & voluntary and community sector agencies
 - iv) Engagement with local schools, early years settings
 - v) Effectiveness of call/ recall system

Time (Approx)	Agency	Contributors
7.10 (10m)	City & Hackney Public Health	Sandra Husbands, Director of Public Health & Carolyn Sharpe, Consultant in Public Health
7.20 (5m)	City & Hackney Primary Care	Dr Tehseen Khan, GP Spring Hill Practice Clinical Director Springfield Park Primary Care Network, City & Hackney Neighbourhoods Clinical Lead Clinical Advisor NHS England London
7.25 (5m)	NHS NE London Integrated Care Board	Sarah Darcy Strategic Lead for Children and Young People Dan Burningham, Deputy Director for Neighbourhood Development
7.30 (5m)	Vaccination UK	Ashley Gotz Programme Manager, Tanjia Shahid Team leader Tower Hamlets & Hackney
7.35 (5m)	NHS England	Susan Elden Consultant Public Health/ SIL Immunisations Lead for NHSE London
7.40 (50m)	Question & Answer with the Commission	
8.30 (5m)	Chair Summary	

Background Information

- [Minutes of Childhood immunisations item at Health in Hackney SC 12 Feb 2024](#)
- The House of Lords [Childhood Vaccinations Committee](#) is currently investigating national decline in vaccination coverage.
- [NHS Health Equity Audit Immunisation Programmes 2025](#)
- [National Vaccination Strategy \(2024\)](#)
- [City & Hackney Immunisation Strategic Action Plan](#)
- [Increasing vaccination uptake in London - ADPH](#)