



# Why do we have vaccination programmes?

2017



# Learning objectives

- Explain different factors that inform vaccine policy decisions
- Describe how vaccine programmes are monitored



# Themes to be considered

- **Factors** that inform vaccine policy
- **Who** makes decisions about vaccine policy





# Factors to consider

- Scenario: An infectious disease which we do not currently vaccinate against has begun to cause an outbreak.
- On your table, discuss the factors to be considered in deciding whether to introduce a vaccine programme



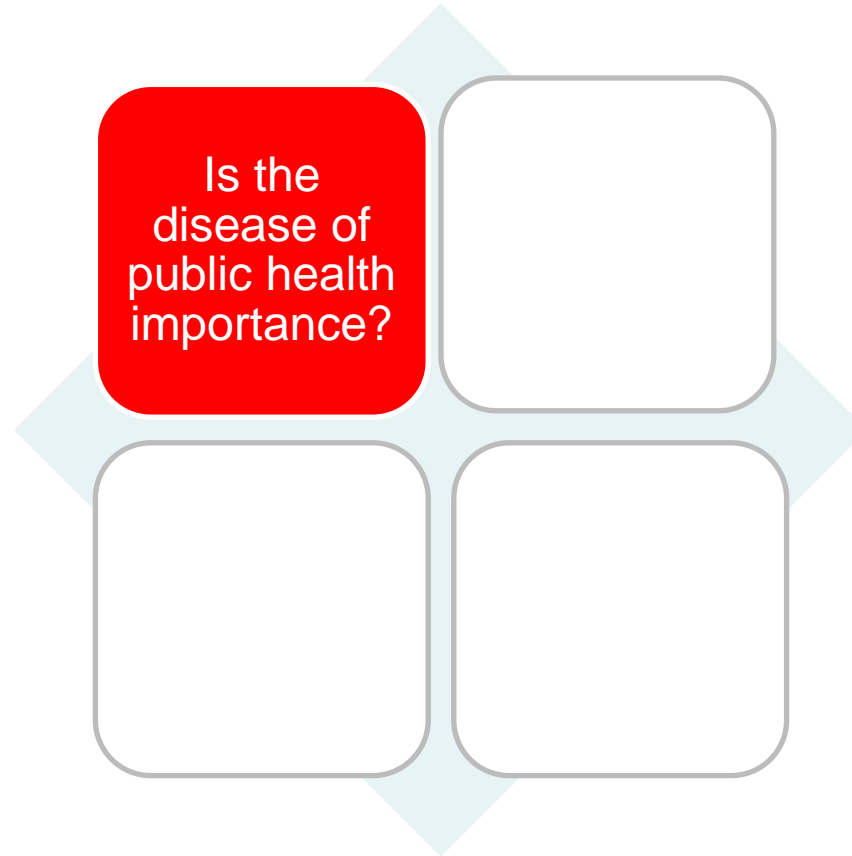


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# Is the disease of public health importance?

## Epidemiology

*“The study of diseases and how they occur at a population level”*

- Incidence
- Trends
- Age distribution
- Complications
- Mortality

## Cost

- Treatment
- Disability
- Work time lost

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# Surveillance

## DISEASE REPORTS:

- Statutory notifications
- Laboratory reports
- Death notifications
- Hospital episodes
- General practice

## DISEASE INCIDENCE

**Information on:**

- Amount of infection
- Carriage rates
- Organism diversity

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## NOIDs WEEKLY REPORT

### STATUTORY NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

in ENGLAND and WALES

WEEK 2014/52 week ending 28/12/2014

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Table 1	Statutory notifications of infectious diseases in the past 6 weeks with totals for the current year compared with corresponding periods of the two preceding years
Table 2	Statutory notifications of infectious diseases for diseases for WEEK 2014/52 by PHE Region, county, local and unitary authority including additional diseases notifiable from 6th April 2010

Registered Medical Practitioner in England and Wales have a statutory duty to notify a Proper Officer of the local authority, often the CCDC (Consultant in Communicable Disease Control), of suspected cases of certain infectious diseases:

Acute encephalitis	Haemolytic uraemic syndrome *	Rubella
Acute infectious hepatitis	Infectious bloody diarrhoea *	SARS *
Acute meningitis	Invasive group A Streptococcal disease	Scarlet fever
Acute poliomyelitis	Legionnaires disease *	Smallpox
Anthrax	Leprosy	Tetanus
Botulism *	Malaria	Tuberculosis
Brucellosis *	Measles	Typhus
Cholera	Meningococcal septicaemia	Viral haemorrhagic fever
Diphtheria	Mumps	Whooping cough
Enteric fever (typhoid or paratyphoid)	Plague	Yellow fever
Food poisoning	Rabies	

\* *Notifiable from 6th April 2010*

Notifications of infectious diseases, some of which are later microbiologically confirmed, prompt local investigation and action to control the diseases. Proper officers are required every week to inform the PHE (formerly the Registrar General) anonymised details of each case of each disease that has been notified. PHE has responsibility of collating the weekly returns from proper officers and publishing analyses of local and national trends.

All weekly data are Provisional

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# Surveillance

Anonymous residual  
blood samples  
collected by PHE  
sero epidemiology  
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Population  
susceptibility

**Information on:**  
Disease immunity in  
population

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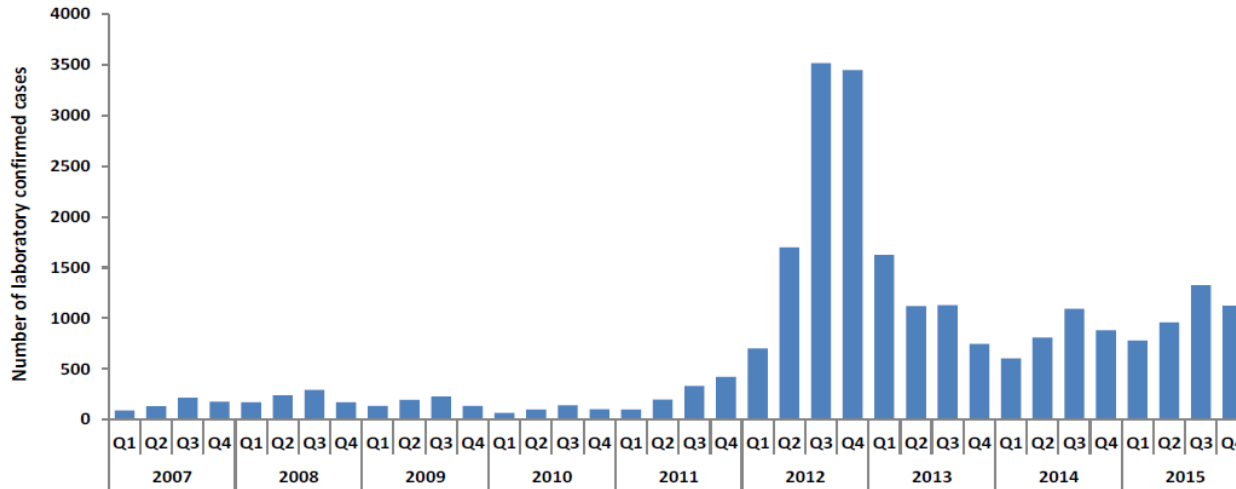
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# Pertussis



Figure 1: Laboratory confirmed cases of Pertussis infection by year and quarter, England: 2007 to 2015\*



\*2015 are provisional data

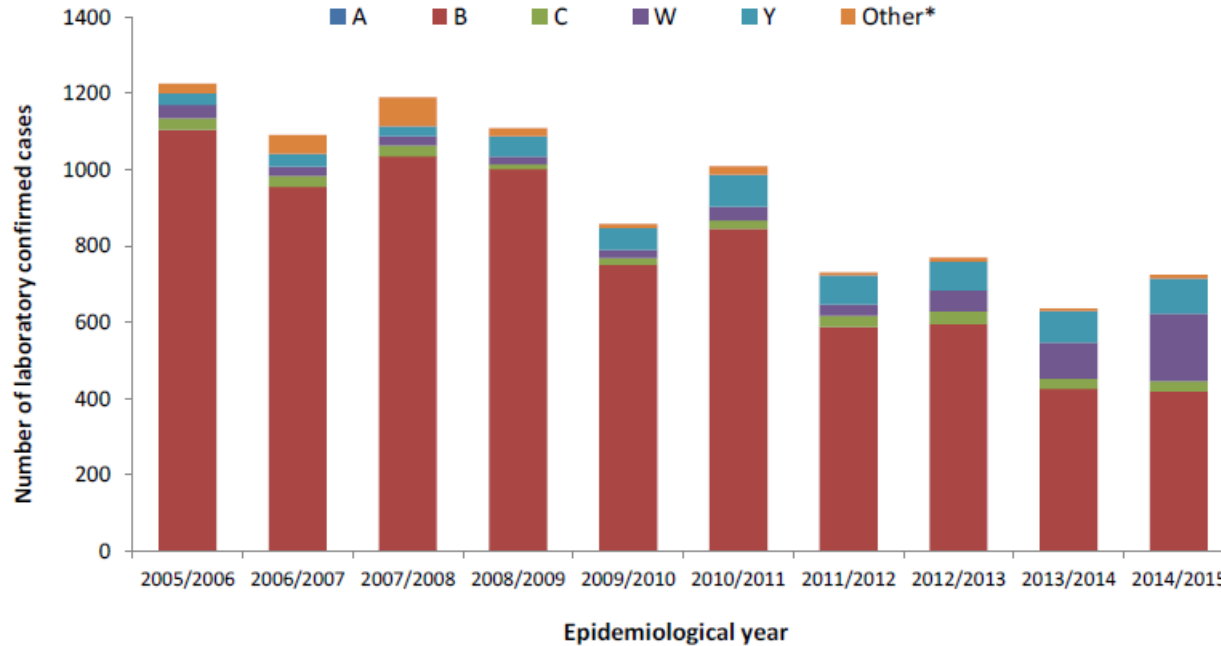
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Is the disease of public health importance?



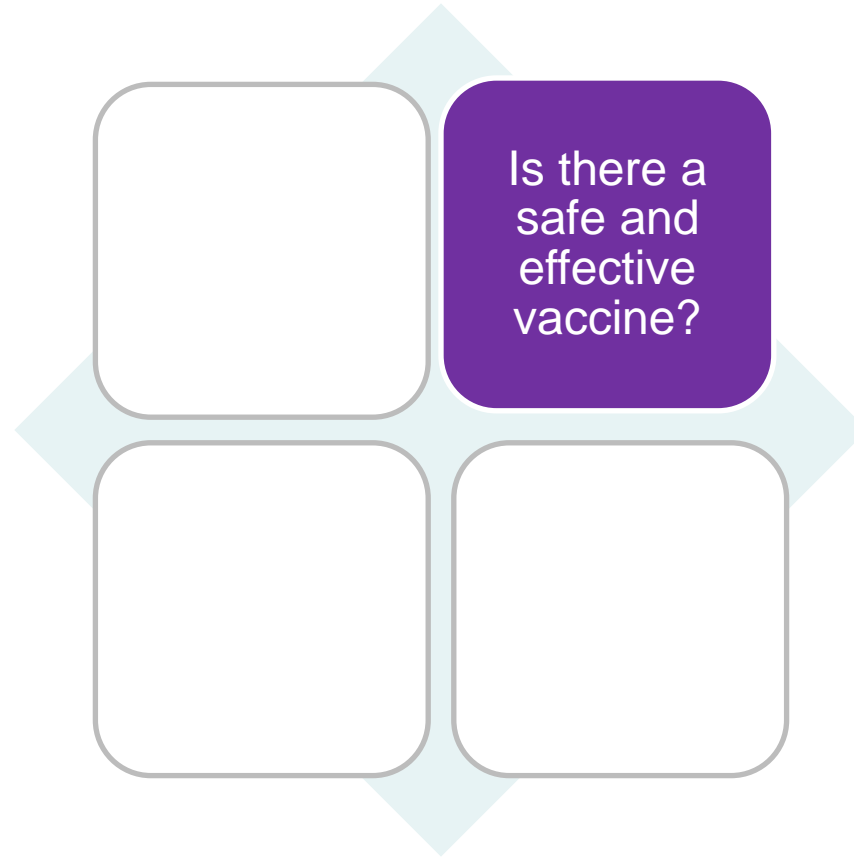
Figure 1. Invasive meningococcal disease in England by capsular group: 2005/2006 to 2014/2015



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## Factors that inform vaccine policy





# Is there a safe and effective vaccine?

The ideal vaccine...

- **Safe**
- **Effective**
- Single dose
- Lifetime protection
- Easy to administer
- Cheap

Vaccines developed within clinical trials

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safe and  
effective  
vaccine?



# Impact of the vaccination programme

Surveillance “watching” needs to be before and after a vaccine programme is introduced:

- **Before**
  - To estimate burden of disease – this helps design and planning of immunisation programmes
- **After**
  - To check the vaccine strategy is effective in the short and long term

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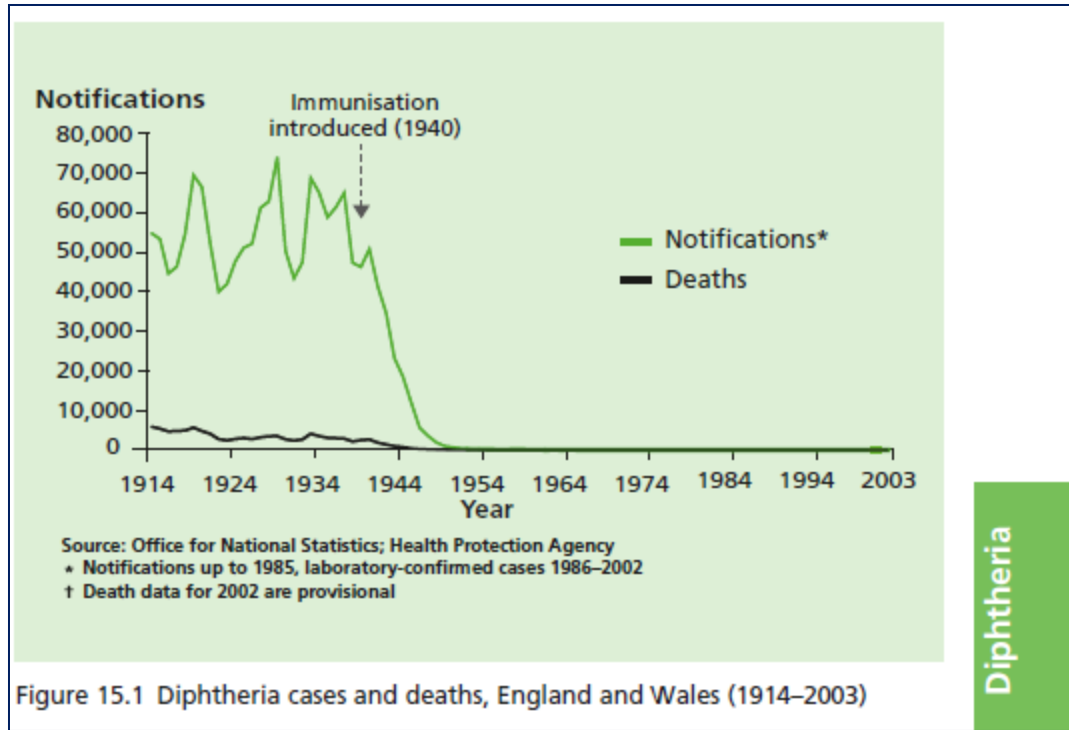


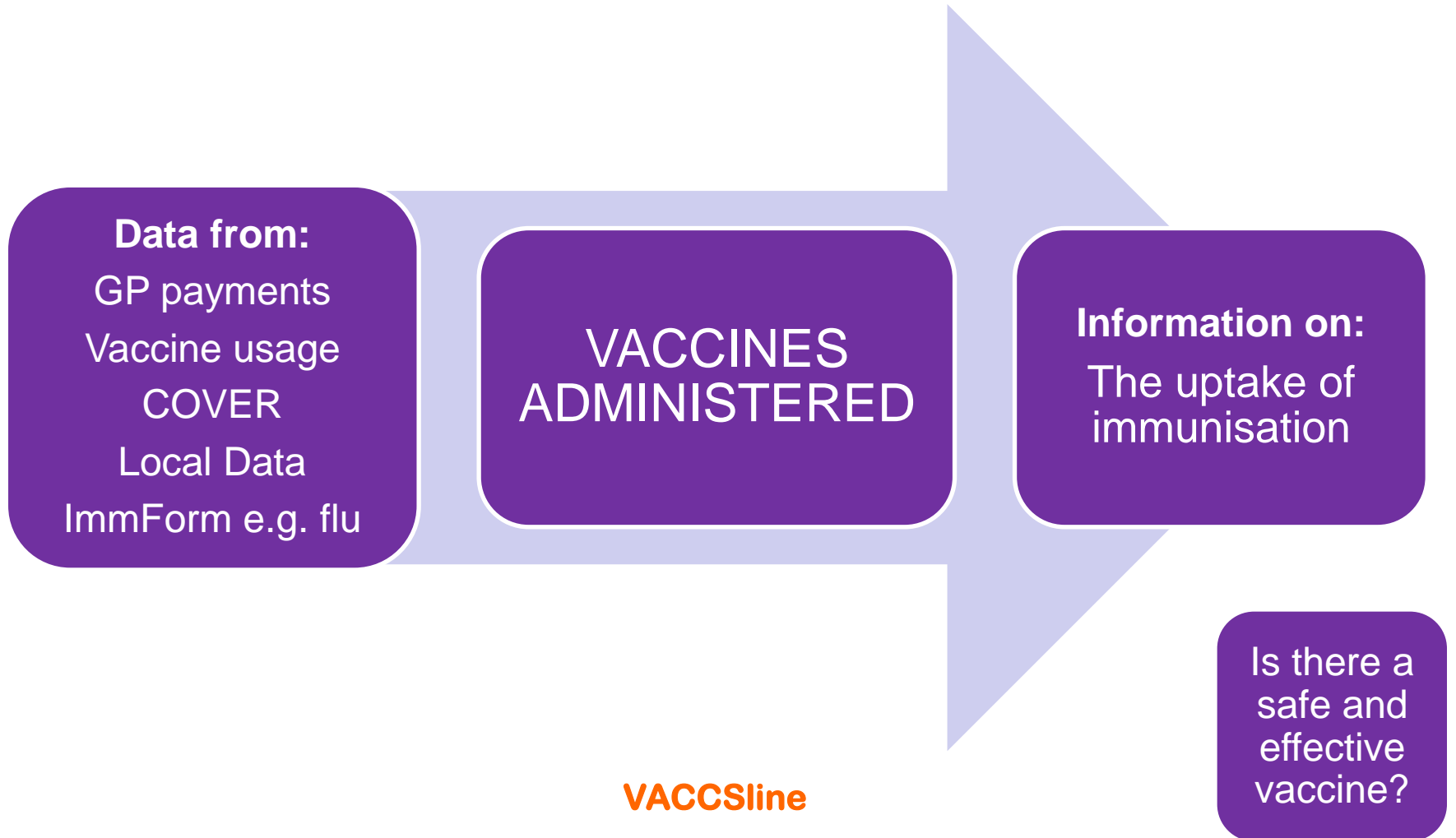
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# Surveillance of vaccine programmes





# COVER

## (Cover of Vaccination Evaluated Rapidly)

- **CHIS** – Child Health Information System, stores routine immunisation records vaccination all children resident in their area
- **Data collected by PHE** (Centre for Infections) from each CHIS quarterly: number of children who have completed scheduled vaccine courses at 1,2 & 5 years of age
- **Data used to:** evaluate programmes and target improvement work nationally and locally.
- CHIS records rely on accurate recording at practice level

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# Who does what?

- **Licensing & monitoring of vaccine safety**

Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/medicines-and-healthcare-products-regulatory-agency>

- **Purchase of vaccine**

Department of Health

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health>

- **Quality assurance and quality control of vaccines**

National Institute for Biological Standards and Control

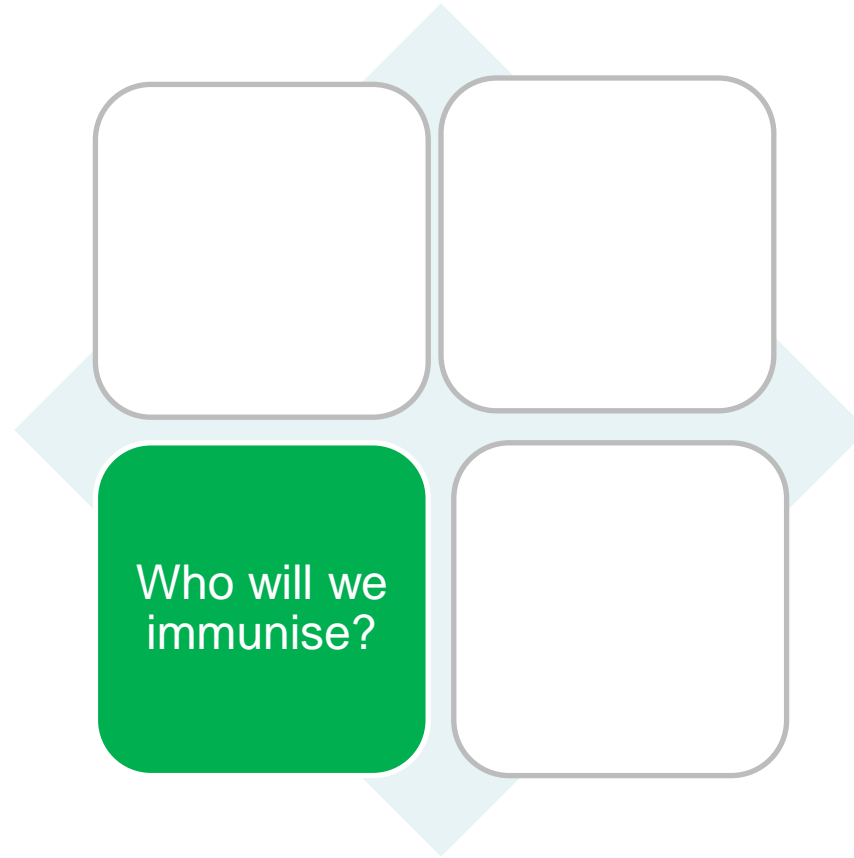
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## Factors that inform vaccine policy





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Who will we  
immunise?



# What is the target population?

Universal or selective programme?



Who will we  
immunise?



# Selective vaccination

Protects individuals at greatest risk of disease:

- **Travel**
  - e.g. Japanese encephalitis
- **Occupational risk**
  - e.g. Anthrax
- **High risk groups**
  - e.g. Hepatitis B vaccine for neonates
- **Outbreak control**
  - e.g. Hepatitis A vaccine

Who will we  
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# Herd immunity

- **communicable diseases are public diseases**  
**“My disease puts you at risk, your immunity protects me...”**

Who will we  
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# Herd immunity – scenario 1

- **communicable diseases are public diseases**  
„My disease puts you at risk, your immunity protects me...“

**If only someone get vaccinated...**

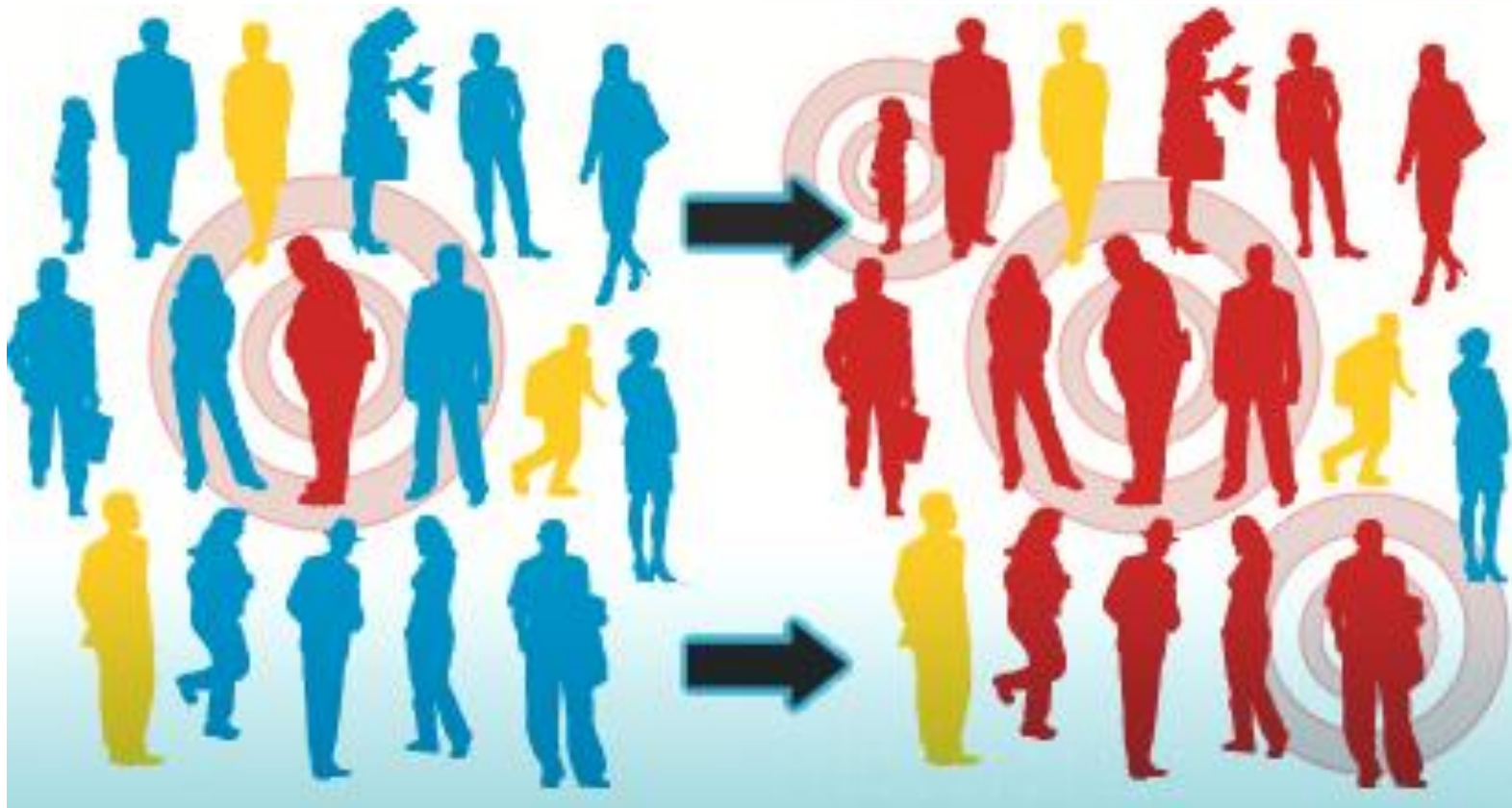


- **Non-vaccinated, infectious**
- **Non-vaccinated, healthy**
- **Vaccinated, healthy**

# Herd immunity – scenario 1

- communicable diseases are public diseases  
„My disease puts you at risk, your immunity protects me...“

... the infection spreads.



# Herd immunity – scenario 2

- **communicable diseases are public diseases**  
„My disease puts you at risk, your immunity protects me...“

**If critical number of people get vaccinated...**



- **Non-vaccinated, infectious**
- **Non-vaccinated, healthy**
- **Vaccinated, healthy**

# Herd immunity – scenario 2

- communicable diseases are public diseases  
„My disease puts you at risk, your immunity protects me...“

... disease spreading is contained.



# Herd immunity – other diseases

<b>Disease</b>	<b>Average number of people infected by a single person</b>	<b>Proportion of immune individuals needed to stop spreading</b>
<b>Diphtheria</b>	6-7	<b>85%</b>
<b>Measles</b>	12-18	<b>83-94%</b>
<b>Mumps</b>	4-7	<b>75-86%</b>
<b>Pertussis</b>	12-17	<b>92-94%</b>
<b>Rubella</b>	5-7	<b>80-85%</b>
<b>Polio</b>	5-7	<b>80-87%</b>



Modified from Epid Rev 1993;15:265-302, Am J PrevMed2001; 20 (4S): 88-153, MMWR2000; 49 (SS-9);



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Video on herd immunity

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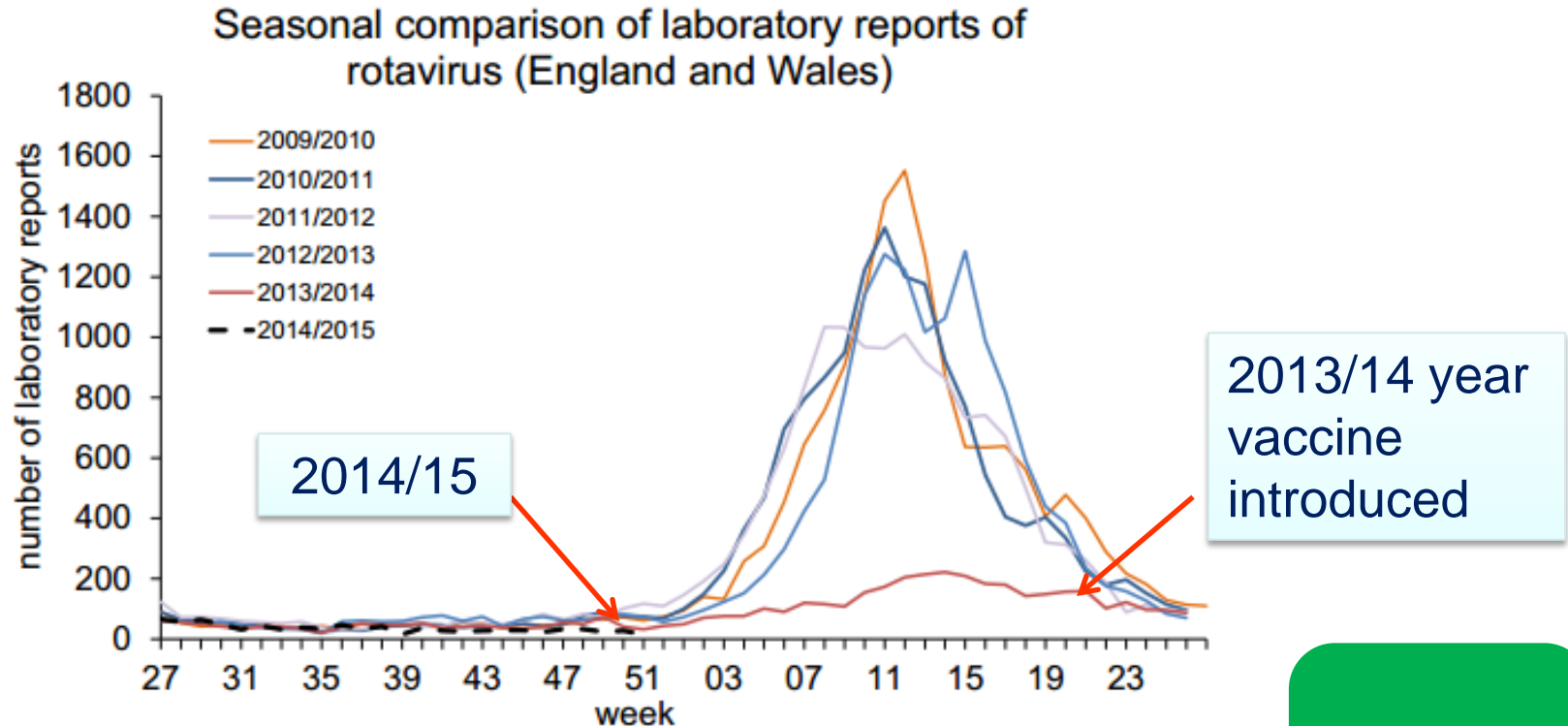
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# Example of herd immunity

Figure 8: Seasonal comparison of laboratory reports of rotavirus (England and Wales)

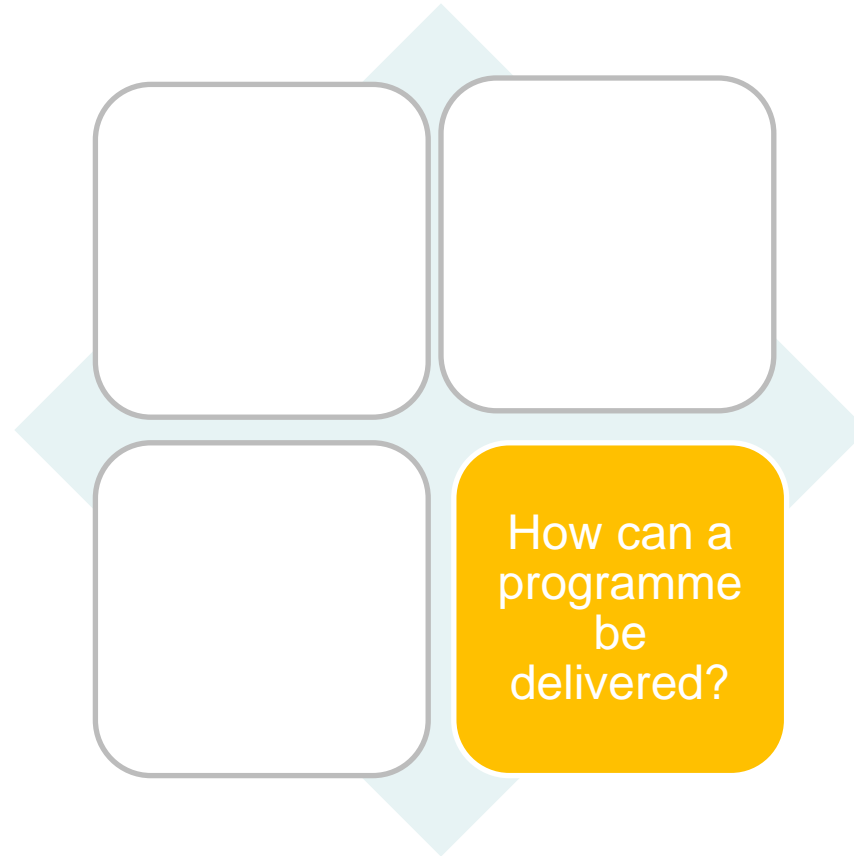


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# Is it do-able?

## In the target population:

- Mathematical modelling and cost effectiveness
- Practicalities
  - Organisation and facilities
  - Resources available
  - Population accessibility
  - Training
  - Evaluation



## Public attitudes

- Parental acceptance
- Cultural issues
- Severity of disease

How can a  
programme  
be  
delivered?



# Reasons for missing immunisations



- Younger children from larger families
- Not in contact with primary care
  - Homeless
  - Asylum seekers
  - Drug users/parents are drug users
  - Travellers
- Minority ethnic groups/English not 1<sup>st</sup> language
- Young offenders
- Using mental health services
- Looked after children
- Chronic illness/hospitalised
- Educational level/socio-economic disadvantage
- Missed previous vacs
- Physical/learning disabilities
- Teen or lone parents
- Military families
- Rural settings



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# Meningitis and septicaemia

## Know the symptoms

Red symptoms are more specific to meningitis and septicaemia and less common in milder illnesses. Not everyone gets all these symptoms.

### MENINGITIS

Fever and/or vomiting

Severe headache

Rash (not all cases)

Stiff neck\*

Dislike of bright lights\*

Very sleepy/vacant/  
difficult to wake

Confused/delirious

Seizures (fits)

\*Less common in babies and toddlers



### SEPTICAEMIA

Fever and/or vomiting

Limb/joint/muscle pain

Cold hands and feet/  
shivering

Pale or mottled skin

Breathing fast/  
breathless

Rash (not all cases)

Very sleepy/vacant/  
difficult to wake

Confused/delirious

Freefone\* helpline:  
0800 8800 3344 (UK) 1800 41 33 44 (Ireland)

iPhone app [www.meningitis.org/iPhone](http://www.meningitis.org/iPhone)

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\*Some landlines are not free and the iPhone app is only available in the UK. © Meningitis Research Foundation 2011

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# UK mechanisms for making and implementing of vaccination policy: JCVI

**Expert analysis and advice:**

**Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI)**

**Vaccine policy decisions: Department of Health**

**Implementation: Public Health England**

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# JCVI remit

1. Advise UK health departments on immunisations for the prevention of infections and/or disease following due consideration of the evidence:

- burden of disease
- vaccine safety and efficacy
- impact and cost effectiveness of immunisation strategies

2. Consider and identify factors for successful and effective implementation of immunisation strategies.

3. Identify important knowledge gaps relating to immunisations or immunisation programmes where further research and/or surveillance should be considered

Minutes accessed at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/joint-committee-on-vaccination-and-immunisation#minutes>

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## Factors that inform vaccine policy

**Number of cases**  
**Severity of disease**  
**Public concept**  
**Cost of disease**

Is the  
disease of  
public health  
importance?

Is there a  
safe and  
effective  
vaccine?

**Clinical trials**  
**Vaccine availability**  
**Post implementation  
surveillance**

**Who is at most risk?**  
**Universal vs selective**  
**Herd immunity**

Who will we  
immunise?

How can a  
programme  
be  
delivered?

**Cost effectiveness**  
**JCVI recommendation**  
**Public acceptance**  
**Resources**