Dear Doctor

I am writing to update you about the new Primary Childhood Immunisation Schedule with the introduction of meningococcal B (MenB) and rotavirus vaccines for all babies born on or after 1 October 2016.

This correspondence contains updated Guidelines for Vaccinations in General Practice, Frequently Asked Questions as well as posters of the new schedule, paracetamol dosage and rotavirus vaccine scheduling. Copies of the new information materials for parents are also included:

- “Your Child’s Immunisations” with schedule magnet and immunisation passport given to parents by the public health nurse at the first visit
- “Before Immunisation” tear pad for parents at the 6 week check or at any time before the first vaccination visit
- “After Immunisation” tear pad

MenB and rotavirus vaccines may now be ordered from the HSE National Cold Chain Service using the same online procedure used for all other Primary Childhood Immunisation vaccines at https://www.ordervaccines.ie/login.aspx

Babies born before 1 October 2016 should remain on the old schedule, regardless of when they present for vaccination. There is no Men B or rotavirus vaccine catch up programme for babies born before 1 October 2016 (as outlined in the schedule overleaf).

Further information may be found at www.immunisation.ie and additional information materials may be ordered online from www.healthpromotion.ie

I am aware that discussions are ongoing on contractual issues that arise from this change to the schedule and this will be the subject of further correspondence

Your cooperation in this is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Dr John Cuddihy
Acting Assistant National Director – Health and Wellbeing – Public Health and Child Health
Medical Council Registration Number: 016227
## PRIMARY CHILDHOOD IMMUNISATION SCHEDULE

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Age (months)</th>
<th>Vaccine</th>
<th>No of injections</th>
<th>Vaccine</th>
<th>No of injections</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>6 in 1 +PCV</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>6 in 1 + PCV + MenB + Rotavirus</td>
<td>3 + oral vaccine</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>6 in 1 + MenC</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>6 in 1 + MenB + Rotavirus</td>
<td>2 + oral vaccine</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>6 in 1 + PCV</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>6 in 1 + PCV + MenC</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>MMR + PCV</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>MMR + MenB</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>MenC + Hib</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Hib/MenC + PCV</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

6 in 1  Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Haemophilus influenzae type b, Hepatitis B vaccine
Hib/MenC  Haemophilus influenzae type b/ Meningococcal C vaccine
MenB  Meningococcal B vaccine
MenC  Meningococcal C vaccine
MMR  Measles, Mumps, Rubella vaccine
PCV  Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine