

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL-RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Graham Gibbens

DECISION NO:

13/00075

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Subject:

Removal of the current Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) / Tuberculosis vaccination programme for 14 year olds, to be replaced by a programme of opportunistic vaccination for 10 to 16 year olds, in accordance with national guidance.

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, I agree to the removal of the current BCG vaccination programme for 14 year olds, when it can be replaced by a programme of opportunistic vaccination for 10 to 16 year olds in accordance with national guidance.

Reason(s) for decision: There is clear national guidance, supported by Public Health England, that the school nursing BCG vaccination programme for 14 year olds is not as effective as an opportunistic vaccination programme for 10 to 16 year olds. This opportunistic programme should therefore replace the current programme.

A secondary benefit is that this will release school nursing time for other more effective activity as part of the Healthy Child Programme.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The Social Care and Public Health Cabinet Committee agreed with the recommendations. They asked for clear communication to be given to GPs to remind them about opportunistic vaccination and identification of TB in at-risk populations. They also asked for the opportunistic programme to be in place before the school nursing programme is removed to ensure that at risk teenagers are offered vaccination.

Any alternatives considered:

No

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

No



signed

22 JANUARY 2014
date

