

Pneumococcal: lines to take

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Eligibility

- The pneumococcal vaccine is offered to everyone in Scotland aged 65 and over and is free.
- Some people under 65 are also eligible for the vaccine if they have certain health conditions or are at high risk of exposure to pneumococcal bacteria because of their job.

Appointments

- NHS Scotland will contact you by post with details of your appointment once you become eligible, please wait to be contacted.
- If your job involves frequent or constant exposure to metal fumes, you're eligible for the pneumococcal vaccine. Contact your occupational health provider if you have one, or get in touch with your Health Board vaccination service to find out how to get vaccinated in your local area: www.nhsinform.scot/gettingvaccinations

General lines

- The pneumococcal vaccine is the best way to help protect yourself against the diseases and conditions caused by pneumococcal bacteria. These conditions include: one of the most common types of meningitis, severe ear infections and pneumonia.
- Those aged 65 or over or under 65 and have certain health conditions have a higher chance of becoming unwell with pneumococcal infection.
- Therefore, we strongly encourage those eligible to take up the vaccination offer when it comes.
- For more information about the pneumococcal vaccine and the diseases and conditions it protects against visit www.nhsinform.scot/pneumococcalvaccine

Pneumococcal vaccine

- The **Pneumococcal Polysaccharide vaccine** is routinely used in Scotland.
- Those eligible with a long term health condition will either need a single dose or one dose every five years depending on their underlying health condition.
- Some children aged 2 or over with a health condition may need additional doses.

Social media toolkit

To help raise awareness, Public Health Scotland has created a **social media toolkit** with assets and captions to share on your social media channels.

All the resources are available to download [here](#).

Could you please regularly feed these social media assets into your planned activity using the hashtag #PneumococcalVaccineScot