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Announcement of methodological changes to NHS Immunisation Statistics, England, 2010-11 [NS]¹

Numbers of persons immunised

The number of persons immunised, which is the numerator in the calculation of immunisation coverage, is to be included in Tables 10b, 11b and 12b of the Data Tables section of the 2010-11 publication. Previous publications have only included the numbers of children eligible (the denominator) and coverage statistics in these tables. The NHS IC has decided to include numerators for purposes of transparency.

Hepatitis B

Following discussion with key stakeholders, the NHS IC has decided to publish neonatal hepatitis B coverage data for the first time this year. Neonatal hepatitis B coverage data are reported through the Health Protection Agency's COVER² programme by PCTs. These data will be published in Annex A of the publication as 'experimental statistics' as they are undergoing evaluation.

In previous years there have been issues with the hepatitis B dataset which have either impacted on data quality or have raised potential concerns around the quality of the data. It is hoped that in publishing these statistics Trusts are encouraged to submit data and to address any issues they may have around data quality.

¹ [NS] denotes that the publication has National Statistics status

² Cover of Vaccination Evaluated Rapidly (COVER)