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## ATTENTION VACCINATORS

### Re: Cessation of Menitorix® Vaccine (Haemophilus influenzae type b and Meningococcal group C conjugate)

Dear colleague,

Menitorix® has been discontinued on the Irish market and is no longer available to order from the National Cold Chain Service. Remaining stocks expire on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

This vaccine is given in the primary childhood immunisation schedule to children born **before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024**, at the 13 month visit.

It is not included in the immunisation schedule for children born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

When a child **born before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024** who is on a catch-up vaccination schedule needs a single Haemophilus influenzae type b vaccine and/or Meningococcal group C conjugate, these vaccines may be ordered as individual vaccines:

- Meningococcal group C conjugate – via National Cold Chain Service website or by emailing [vaccines@udd.ie](mailto:vaccines@udd.ie)
- Haemophilus type b – please email [vaccines@udd.ie](mailto:vaccines@udd.ie), stating the date of birth of the child and the clinical reason for the request. Sites may not hold general stock of this vaccine.

Please refer to the NIAC immunisation guidelines Chapter 2 for details of catch-up schedules. <https://www.hiqa.ie/reports-and-publications/niac-immunisation-guideline/chapter-02-general-immunisation-procedures> and choose the age-appropriate column in Table 2.3 and Table 2.4. Note that if the child has received a Hib vaccine over the age of 12 months as part of a 6 in 1 vaccine, they do not require another Hib vaccine.

Expired Menitorix® vaccine should be returned to the national cold chain service in the usual way.

Yours sincerely,

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