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Dear Practice Manager

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**Re: Patient Group Direction (PGD) 4.18 version 2.0
Administration of Live Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) Vaccine (Priorix[®]
and MMRvaxPro[®]) by Registered Nurses**

There has been a recent enquiry from a practice regarding the route of administration for Priorix[®] under the current NHS Devon PGD (4.18 v2). The PGD currently states that the vaccine should be administered via “*subcutaneous injection (can also be given by intramuscular injection) into the upper outer aspect of the arm*”.

However, the latest version of *Immunisation against infectious disease* states MMR vaccines can be routinely given intramuscularly into the upper arm or anterolateral thigh.

As a result, PGD 4.18 version 2 will be reviewed and further clarification will be communicated to practices as soon as possible.

Until the review is completed, staff administering Priorix[®] using the PGD can only administer the vaccine into the upper outer aspect of the arm as specified on page 6 of the PGD. **If administration into the anterolateral aspect of the thigh is required, a Patient Specific Direction (PSD) will have to be generated by the practice.**

A PSD should contain the patient's full name; another patient identifier such as date of birth/NHS number, name of drug, dosage, route of administration, prescriber's signature and date of instruction.

Please cascade this communication to the relevant clinicians in your practice. If you have any further queries, please contact the Prescribing and Medicines Management team at prescribing.devonpct@nhs.net

Yours sincerely



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