



# WESTBURY GROUP PRACTICE

We are receiving a high number of enquiries regarding the latest news on the Meningitis B vaccination. As per UK Health Security Agency it states as follows;

In England, the following groups are eligible:

- young people currently in school Year 13 (born between 1 September 2007 and 31 August 2008)
- all undergraduate freshers born on or after 21 July 2001 who will be attending university for the first time in autumn 2026
- those born on or after 21 July 2001 who are starting further education for the first time in autumn 2026 and who will be living in further education accommodation or halls of residence

This includes international students who may not arrive in the UK until September, and those from the devolved nations and Crown Dependencies attending these settings in England.

In England, vaccines will be available at **community pharmacies** (the vaccination will not be offered at the surgery). The programme starts in July 2026, giving eligible people time to complete both doses before cases typically rise in the autumn. Students in the age group for Year 13 will be contacted by the NHS and sent a link through which they can book a pharmacy appointment to get the vaccine. University and residential further education students who are eligible will be able to arrange a vaccination via walk-in at participating pharmacy.

Anyone who is eligible is encouraged to get both doses of the vaccine as soon as they can. You should also make sure you are up to date with your other vaccines. All those who are eligible can continue to get first doses until 31 December 2026; they can get their second dose up to 31 March 2027.

Further information can be found below

[Who is eligible for the new one-off MenB vaccine programme? – UK Health Security Agency](#)

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