

Viral Hepatitis update

WHO publishes the Global Hepatitis Report 2017 and the UK adds hepatitis B vaccination to its routine childhood immunisation schedule



The [WHO Global Hepatitis Report](#) was published in April 2017. The report describes the global and regional estimates on viral hepatitis in 2015, focusing on hepatitis B and C, which are responsible for 96% of all hepatitis mortality.

This report provides a baseline for tracking progress in implementing new strategies towards the elimination of hepatitis worldwide [1].

Additionally a change is planned for the [UK routine immunisation schedule](#). Babies born on or after 1 August will be offered a pentavalent vaccine (providing protection against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio and hepatitis B virus) as part of the routine childhood immunisation schedule [2]. Further details will be provided through future issues of [Vaccine Update](#).

Resources

- [Public Health England: hepatitis A](#)
- [Public Health England: hepatitis B](#)
- [Public Health England: hepatitis C](#)
- [World Health Organization: hepatitis](#)

References

1. [World Health Organization. Global hepatitis report 2017](#)
2. [Public Health England: Vaccine update – April 2017](#)