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Updated 'Green Book' chapter on consent

Updated guidance for health professionals has been published in immunisation against infectious disease

The [consent chapter in immunisation against infectious disease](#) , the 'Green book', has been updated [1]. The content is based both on the current legal position and the standards expected of health professionals by their regulatory bodies.

Valid consent must be obtained before starting any treatment or physical investigation or before providing personal care for a patient. This includes the administration of all vaccines.

Case law on consent develops and changes over time. Those involved in seeking consent for immunisation or other treatment/care should keep up to date with latest developments, legal rulings and their employing organisations' policies and procedures. The updated chapter includes links to professional guidance and useful resources.

References

1. [Public Health England, Consent, Chapter 2 in the 'Green book' Immunisation against infectious disease. 18 June 2021 \[Accessed 23 June 2021\]](#)