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Trainer Information

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Joanna originally worked in Emergency Medicine, where she developed an interest in preventing infectious diseases.

Jo has worked in travel clinics in London and New Zealand before founding an independent specialist travel and immunisation clinic in 2005. She managed the company until 2016 when she sold the business and stepped back to spend more time with her young family.

Joanna has worked in a range of clinical areas including as a matron in the Covid-19 vaccine programme, in GP practices, an independent boarding school, and as a TB nurse specialist, so is fully aware of the specific challenges these roles demand.

Alongside working in vaccines, Joanna has spent 20 years working as a sexual health nurse in the NHS which is also the subject of her degree.

Joanna was honoured to previously work as an Associate Trainer for NATHNAC, providing Yellow Fever Immunisation Update Training nationally.

Adult & Child Imms Update

Date: 17th December 2025
Times: 0900-1400
Venue: Zoom Online Platform
Places available: 15
Fee/s: NfP Members £80
Non-Members £125

This workshop is suitable for: Nurses

Learning Outcomes / Workshop Objectives

1. The aims of vaccination, national vaccine policy and schedules
2. The immune response to vaccines and how vaccines work
3. Vaccine preventable diseases
4. The different types of vaccines, their composition and their indications and contraindications
5. Current issues in vaccination
6. Communicating with patients, parents and carers about vaccines
7. Legal issues as applied to vaccination: consent and legal mechanisms to supply and administer vaccines
8. Storage and handling of vaccines

Agenda

There will be two brief breaks during the training workshop, at approximately 10:30 and 12:15. You may wish to allow time, after the training, for lunch, if you plan on working in a clinic immediately after.

Course Content is in line with the 2025 guidance for immunisation training:

- Changes in the UK immunisation schedule – July 2025 and January 2026
 - Meningococcal disease and routine prevention.
 - Measles, mumps and rubella immunisation
 - Childhood vaccine calculator
 - Review of:
 - Shingles vaccine uptake
 - RSV programmes, uptake & precautions.
- New Vaccines on the Horizon....
 - The training is an opportunity for vaccinators to:
 - identify any gaps in their knowledge and competence
 - address any queries or challenging issues that have arisen in practice.

Pre-Course Resources: Please print Appendix (Pages 24-28) of the [National Minimum Standards for Vaccination Training \(2025\)](#) to complete as a self-assessment.