**RSV Programme 2025/2025**

The HSE mobile vaccination teams (**MVT**) will be offering the RSV immunisation programme in the community for to all babies in Ireland born in the six-month period from **1 March 2025 to 31 August 2025.**

The HSE is building on last winter’s successful **RSV immunisation programme** which was delivered to newborn babies in maternity settings and higher risk babies in the community.  The 2024 programme significantly reduced infections, serious illness and hospitalisations including a:

* 65% reduction in total number of cases presenting.
* 57% reduction in cases presenting to emergency departments.
* 76% reduction in babies requiring hospitalisation
* 65% reduction in babies needing intensive care due to complications of RSV

**The Immunisation (Nirsevimab) will be offered in maternity hospitals to all babies born between 1 September 2025 and 28 February 2026.**

**It will now also be available in the community to babies who are aged less than six months from 1 September 2025 to 10th October only to offer them protection ahead of the seasonal up-surge in infection with RSV later in the autumn/winter.**  Nirsevimab is a monoclonal antibody that offers passive immunity to infants during the RSV season. An antibody is a special protein that helps fight off infections. A monoclonal antibody is one that has been made in a laboratory to fight off a specific infection and it is not a vaccine.  It can be given with or at any interval between the primary vaccines.

**The MVT** is running clinics across the five south east counties in Primary Care Centres for babies born between 1 March 2025 and 31 August 2025 – full details of dates and times of clinics are available on [**https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/rsv/immunisation/**](https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/rsv/immunisation/)where you can access the booking portal.

The Parent/Legal Guardian leaflet is available **at** [**https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/respiratorysyncytialvirus/immunisation/resources/RSV%20immunisation%206pA5%20JUL25\_FINAL.pdf**](https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/respiratorysyncytialvirus/immunisation/resources/RSV%20immunisation%206pA5%20JUL25_FINAL.pdf) and a supply of the leaflets can be ordered from [www.healthpromotion.ie](http://www.healthpromotion.ie)

This programme is run nationally by the Health Protection Department and further information is available from [**https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/respiratorysyncytialvirus/immunisation/**](https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/respiratorysyncytialvirus/immunisation/)

Please ensure all staff teams are aware of this new programme so that they can promote it within the community