

Parents' views and perceptions towards childhood vaccination and use of GP services for childhood vaccination during the COVID-19 pandemic

**Topic guide – parent and guardian interviews**

- How many children do you have?
- How old is/are your child(ren)?
- Has your child/youngest child been vaccinated?
  - If no, why?
  - If yes, is your child up-to-date with their vaccines? If not, why?
- When is your child/youngest child's next vaccination due?
- Have you been contacted by your practice about your child's/youngest child's next vaccination?
- (For vaccinated children) Tell us about your experience of your child's/youngest child's last vaccination.
  - Probes - access issues, parent feeling anxious or concerned
- What are your thoughts about the coronavirus outbreak?
  - Probes – risk perception for self, child, family, friends, wider community
- Have you changed any of your behaviours as a result of the coronavirus outbreak?
  - Probes – hand washing, hand sanitiser, mask wearing, self-isolation, social distancing, staying at home
- How do you feel when you do go out, for example, to the supermarket or pharmacy, during the coronavirus outbreak?
- Have you been to the GP during the coronavirus outbreak? If yes, what for? How did you feel?
  - Probe – risk perception of going to the GP and being in the waiting area with sick people
- How do you feel about going to the GP to get your child/youngest child vaccinated during the coronavirus outbreak?
- How important do you feel it is to vaccinate your child/youngest child when their vaccines are due during the coronavirus pandemic?
  - What is your reasoning for this?
- Will you / have you vaccinated your child/youngest child on time? If not, why not?
- How did you go about deciding to vaccinate your child/youngest child on time/to delay vaccination for your child/youngest child?
  - Did you talk to others? (Probes – partner, other family members, friends, religious leaders)
  - What were their opinions, and how did these influence your views?
  - What (if any) other information did you access to find out more about childhood vaccination? (Probes – NHS/PHE websites, other websites)
  - Who do you trust when it comes to childhood vaccination? (Probes – GP, practice nurse, NHS, PHE, Gov.)
- What would make your child's/youngest child's participation in the immunisation programme more acceptable? (Probes – more information, measles outbreak, household members susceptible, assurance from community leaders/experts/government/GPs/Doctors)
- What communication message would assuage your fears/help to reassure you?
- If a new Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine became publicly available, would you be willing to be vaccinated? (Probes – self, elderly relative, child/ren)