

The 3 most popular things parents want their daughters to be are:

a doctor,
a lawyer,
alive.

What could be worse than getting cervical cancer? Your daughter one day getting cervical cancer and knowing you could have helped prevent it.

Around 3000 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer every year in the UK and despite a successful screening programme, it kills around 1000.

It's caused by a virus called the human papillomavirus or HPV. The HPV vaccine protects against two strains of the virus, which are responsible for more than 70% of cases. It will save hundreds of women's lives a year.

The vaccine has passed the rigorous safety standards required for it to be used in the UK and other European countries.

HPV is sexually transmitted, so the vaccine is most effective when given before girls are sexually active. An annual vaccination programme for girls aged 12 to 13 (school year 8) is starting this autumn. The programme consists of three injections given over a period of six months.

Over the next three years, the vaccine will also be offered to other girls aged 13 to 18*, starting this year with girls aged 17 to 18.

Arm your daughter against cervical cancer.

Your daughter's school or local NHS will provide more information before the vaccination is due.

For more information about the HPV vaccine visit www.nhs.uk/HPV or call the helpline on 0845 602 3303.**



*This one-off programme is separate from the Year 8 vaccination and will offer the HPV vaccine to all girls born between 1st September 1990 and 31st August 1995 inclusive (this arrangement may differ in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland).
**Available in England and Wales. Calls cost a maximum of 5 pence per minute from a BT landline. Mobiles and other networks may vary. You may be charged a minimum cost per call.

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