HPV Vaccination Programme
Ireland
Dr Brenda Corcoran
HPV vaccination programme

- Commenced in 2010
- Gardasil vaccine used
- School based programme
- 12-13 year old girls (1st year of second level school)
- Parents sent information leaflet, consent form and contact details
- Information literacy proofed
- Referred to website for more information

www.immunisation.ie
Highest uptake achieved in 2014/15
Excellent cohort retention
97% girls who started dose 1 completed dose 2

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Timeline of events

Japan suspends vaccine recommendation

Minister questioned in parliament

Danish TV documentary

Joint Committee on Health & Children

Irish TV documentary

American College of Pediatrics

EMA review

R.E.G.R.E.T

Dutch TV Programme

Anti-vaccine leaflet

Go fund me video

Anti Vaccine Group actions

Anti-vaccine media coverage

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Anti-vaccine methods

• Targeting parents, girls and school authorities
• Producing unscientific leaflets which are distributed
• Girls who are not vaccinated taunting those that are
• Aggression towards vaccination staff and at public meetings
• Social media
  – attacking individuals who make pro vaccine arguments
  – go fund me page
  – website emotive personal anecdotes and videos
  – global alliance

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HPV vaccine uptake

Target 80%

1st dose only

4500 more girls not vaccinated in 2015/16

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Concerns

- Vaccine safety
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- Vaccine causes serious side effects

- Lack of information
- Consent process too rushed
- Distrust in Health services – link to Pharma
- Anti-establishment agenda

ARE HPV VACCINES SAFE?

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Health professional vaccine deniers

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The HPV vaccine has been proven to save lives

Barbara Anderson: I am a health care professional and I am pro vaccinations. I had swine flu vaccination myself as I am at high risk working in a hospital setting. But for this vaccine, my eldest daughter had it, and I would not allow my other 2 daughters to have it. Only for this one, I will say no. I don't want to influence any one's decision, just make sure you get the right information before you sign for it. It's your choice and your responsibility.

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Susie O'Brien: Barbara, I am a nurse myself too and had all swine flu vaccines etc. as did my kids but the HPV vaccine does more than it says on the tin!! I wish my daughter had never been vaccinated. Needs much more research and parents do need to think carefully about the risks of side effects.

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Chloe Janene: No, this vaccine leaves life threatening symptoms, has left many women in wheelchairs or have even killed them, so no this does not 'save lives'.

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Rachael Conlon: Life destroyer more like. www.regret.ie read the stories of the poor girls affected by this so-called life saving vaccine.

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HPV vaccine safety
December 2016

• 690,000 doses administered
• over 220,000 girls fully vaccinated
• 1065 reports to Irish regulatory authority consistent with the expected pattern of adverse effects for the vaccines
  – syncope (faints), gastrointestinal symptoms, malaise, headache
  – 2 reports of POTS (medically confirmed)
  – 2 reports of CRPS
  – 16 reports of chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS)
    (400-800 cases of CFS expected)
Actions 2017

- Focus groups
- European Cervical Cancer Prevention week 24 - 30 January
- Offer vaccine in March / April to those who refused it (as part of 2\textsuperscript{nd} round)
- Comprehensive communications plan targeting those more likely to refuse vaccine
- Increase social media
- Send information to primary school parents
- Continue engagement with national and international stakeholders
- National immunisation conference
- Review information materials and plan for 2017/18

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'Any child I have will get the HPV vaccine' - Irish woman who was diagnosed with cervical cancer in her twenties