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Dear Parent/Carer

Bradford School Immunisation team have identified that your child has not received their BCG vaccination, which is routinely given just after birth or month after they are born.

The BCG vaccination is the most effective way of protecting your child against serious forms of TB (Tuberculosis) such as TB meningitis. BCG vaccine for tuberculosis (TB) overview - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

BCG vaccine is offered on a risk assessment basis to children aged between 1 year- under 16 years of age – who are thought to have an increased risk of coming into contact with the TB virus these include:

- **Children whose parents or grandparent being born or originating from a high risk county where there is a high rate of TB (estimated incidence rate of 40 per 100,000 or greater)** . WHO estimates of tuberculosis incidence by country and territory, 2020 (accessible text version) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
- **Children who live with, or are in close contact of someone with active or infectious TB.**
- **Children who may be living with local people for 3 months or longer in countries with high rates of TB.**

Please note any eligible babies under 1 year old can access the vaccine through their maternity hospital. For Bradford it would be Bradford Maternity services.

If you would like your child to be given the BCG vaccination and they meet the above criteria please contact the Bradford School Immunisation team on **01274 221269**, a member of the team will complete a pre vaccination screening and advise you if your child is eligible.

Please visit our webpage for more information around the BCG vaccination : School Immunisation team - Bradford - Better Lives Healthy Futures (betterliveshealthyfuturesbw.nhs.uk)

Yours Sincerely,
School Immunisation Team

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