4th October 2024

**Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccination programme**

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is a major respiratory virus that is common over the winter period, typically November to February.

It can be especially dangerous for older adults and can present as exacerbations of long-term conditions as well as acute respiratory infections of the airways and lungs.

 RSV infection often causes symptoms similar to a cold, including:

* cough
* sore throat
* sneezing
* a runny or blocked nose

From 1st September 2024, all adults turning 75 years of age and those aged 75 to 79 are eligible for a single dose of the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccination.

More information on the RSV vaccination can be found at [Your guide to the RSV vaccine for older adults - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/respiratory-syncytial-virus-rsv-vaccination-for-older-adults/your-guide-to-the-rsv-vaccine-for-older-adults)