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All Heads and Business Managers
secondary schools in Lothian

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Dear colleague

NHS Lothian is aware that an email, questioning the safety of HPV vaccine is circulating within Scotland, having been emailed to at least some local authorities and secondary schools. The letter contains a number of important inaccuracies.

The human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine for girls aged 11 to 13 years helps protect against cervical cancer. The HPV vaccine is offered to girls at secondary schools across Scotland. Millions of girls worldwide have now received the vaccine and rigorous evidence shows it to have an excellent safety profile, meeting the high safety standards required for it to be used in the UK and other European countries.

Further information on HPV vaccine is available at
<http://www.immunisationscotland.org.uk/vaccines-and-diseases/hpv.aspx>

Please do contact NHS Lothian should you have any further concerns.

Yours sincerely



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