



Polio booster  
vaccines are now  
available for  
children in London  
ages 1-9

There is no cure for polio.  
Get your child vaccinated

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Dear Parent / Guardian / Carer,

## KEEP YOUR FAMILY PROTECTED AGAINST POLIO

I'm writing to update you about the detection of the polio virus in the sewage system in London.

Unfortunately, there are now signs that polio may be spreading between people in London. Most people who get polio do not have any symptoms but can still infect those around them.

Polio is rare but can be very serious if you are not vaccinated. It is an infection caused by a virus that attacks the nervous system – it can cause permanent paralysis of muscles.

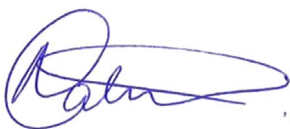
All children aged 1 to 9 years in London need to have a dose of the polio vaccine now. This is an additional dose to the routine polio vaccines your child will receive. Vaccination is the most effective way of preventing infection and this additional dose will increase your child's protection.

The NHS will contact you directly but alternatively you are able to contact your GP. You can find out more about polio and the vaccine at [www.nhs.uk/polio](http://www.nhs.uk/polio)

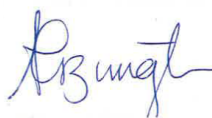
It is important that you keep yourself and your family up to date with their routine vaccinations, this will help keep you all healthy and well. If you are behind with any vaccinations, please contact your GP. If you do not have a GP, it's free to register and you do not need proof of address or immigration status, ID or and NHS number. You can find out more at [www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-gp](http://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-gp) or phone/visit your local GP surgery.

Stay healthy and well.

Yours sincerely,



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