



Appendix 3

Letter for parent/carer to inform GP/health visitor

Babies with household contact (not the mother) infected with hepatitis B. Baby to receive HB vaccination only (no HBIG)

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Babies receiving HB vaccine only – other family
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Date

Dear Dr

PREVENTION OF HEPATITIS B TRANSMISSION IN AT-RISK INFANTS

NAME: BABY'S NAME

BABY'S DATE OF BIRTH:

BABY'S CHI NUMBER

This baby has been identified as at-risk for hepatitis B, due to a close contact (not the mother) being infected with hepatitis B. The baby requires to be protected by immunisation against hepatitis B and **hospital staff have administered a dose of monovalent hepatitis B vaccine before discharge.**

This baby should now continue on the routine vaccination schedule and receive hexavalent vaccine (which contains hepatitis B) at 8, 12 and 16 weeks of age (see table below).

Other members of this household may also be at risk of hepatitis B. Please refer older siblings/children and other household contacts to CTACs for hepatitis B testing and immunisation.

Many thanks.
Yours sincerely,

Hospital Team
On behalf of Health Protection Team

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Table - Hepatitis B immunisation schedules

Age	Routine Childhood Programme		Babies born to household where another member (not the mother) is hepatitis B positive	
At birth (in hospital)	X		✓	Monovalent HepB
4 weeks	X		X	
8 weeks	✓	Hexavalent	✓	Hexavalent
12 weeks	✓	Hexavalent	✓	Hexavalent
16 weeks	✓	Hexavalent	✓	Hexavalent