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Re: Immunisation Screening at Occupational Health Clinic

Dear Student,

Firstly, congratulations on achieving your place on the undergraduate course in nursing/ midwifery at DKIT. We look forward to meeting you to commence your immunisation screening in September. Dr. Aine Mc Hugh (DKIT Lecturer) will advise you of your occupational appointment details at a later date.

In advance of your occupational health appointment, please obtain a copy of your childhood vaccine records. These records can be obtained with your GP or local health office. It may take a period of time to obtain these records so we recommend you request your records at early stage.

HSE Local Health Offices Contact - please contact the office where you resided during childhood to obtain childhood records or your GP		
1	HSE Local Health Offices – Click the link to open the website	https://www2.hse.ie/services/local-health-office/
2	Your General Practitioner (GP)	

At your appointment, an occupational health nurse will review your vaccination history. We will ask you about your vaccination history and review your childhood vaccine records.

We will review your vaccination status and immunity to:

- **Tuberculosis** – Check for BCG vaccine record and BCG scar check
- **Measles, Mumps & Rubella (MMR)** – we request documented evidence of 2 doses of MMR
- **Hepatitis B** - If you have previously received Hepatitis B vaccinations please also provide documentation of this and a subsequent blood test for Hep B immunity (if available)
- **Pertussis (Whooping cough)** [Tdap Vaccine] we request documented evidence of a dose in the last 10 years
- **Varicella (Chicken pox)** history of infection, serological evidence of immunity on a blood test (positive varicella IgG titre) and or documented evidence of 2 doses of varicella vaccine.

If you don't have documented evidence of immunity to MMR, Hepatitis B, Pertussis, Varicella we will offer you vaccination in the clinic (free of charge)



Student Midwives only:

In accordance with *HSE Integrated Guidance on Health Clearance of Healthcare Workers and the Management of Healthcare Workers Living with Bloodborne Viruses (Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV), 2025*, we will need to take a blood sample from you to test for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV infection. We will explain the rationale for these tests when we meet you. **Please remember to bring a valid proof of identification (Passport or Driving Licence) as we can only take the blood sample if we have proof of your identity.**

Finally, please note all records should be presented only to Occupational Health personnel, and will be **retained in confidence**. If you have any queries in relation to the above please contact us at the above number.

Kind Regards,
Occupational Health Nursing Team