

26 March 2007

From Lara

## Gibson endorses vaccine cocktail for 11 year--old girls

From the Gibson Report.....

### 3.3.4 Vaccination

Vaccination is often blamed for unexplained outbreaks of illness and regularly appears in the media being accused of such. The Group found that there is no strong evidence to link CFS/ME to vaccination and it is unlikely to be a cause. However this is a possible area for further investigation.....

### HPV Vaccine Mandates Risky And Expensive

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/medicalnews.php?newsid=62176>

The National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC), the nation's leading vaccine safety and informed consent advocacy organization, is urging state legislatures to investigate the safety and cost of mandating Merck's HPV vaccine (GARDASIL) for all pre- adolescent girls before introducing legislation amending state vaccine laws. In an analysis of reports made to the federal Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) since the CDC's July 2006 universal use recommendation for all young girls, NVIC found reports of loss of consciousness, seizures, joint pain and Guillain-Barre Syndrome. In a separate evaluation of costs for young girls being vaccinated in private pediatrician offices, NVIC discovered that parents living in the Washington, D.C. area will be paying between \$500 and \$900 to have their daughters receive three doses of GARDASIL.....

### Schoolgirls to get cancer vaccine

KATIE COOPER

22 March 2007 09:31

<http://tinyurl.com/3xfbqd>

### Norwich Evening News 24

Girls as young as 11 could be vaccinated against sexually-transmitted diseases under a new immunisation programme - and health bosses in Norfolk back the move.

A Government committee is expected to recommend that girls aged between 11 and 12 are immunised against hepatitis B which is spread by unprotected sex and sharing needles in drug use, and the virus that causes cervical cancer.

Teenagers would also be vaccinated against three other diseases including chicken pox, meningitis and whooping cough which can be dangerous for teenagers and especially for pregnant women.

Norfolk MP Ian Gibson, the head of Norfolk PCT Dr. John Battersby and the former head of the PCT Dr Peter Brambleby all argue the five vaccinations would help young girls.

The injections would be added onto a host of immunisations from the pre-school jabs against diphtheria, tetanus, polio and pertussis (whooping cough), the MMR and a host of boosters which children receive during their school career.

The new vaccination against the HPV (human papilloma virus), which is usually passed on through unprotected sex and is linked to cervical cancer, could eradicate the risk of cervical cancer for women -saving thousands of lives.

Former head of Norfolk PCT and now Norwich-based Public Health consultant Peter Brambleby said: "Obviously the aim of giving this vaccination so early is to do it before any sexual activity begins. You can't be too early but you can be too late.

"The timing will have been and will continue to be debated very carefully by committee.

"The majority of these vaccinations are to be given to young girls before they begin puberty as many, such as chicken pox, are designed to protect them from diseases which could harm their unborn child.

"These vaccinations will be vital for people going into their teens and will protect them from life-threatening diseases."

Dr Brambleby was keen to point out that teenagers must understand that the drug will not prevent them from getting some of the most virulent sexually-transmitted diseases.

He said: "Girls must understand that this will not protect them against HIV, Chlamydia or babies.

"They must still use restraint or a condom."

Norwich MP Ian Gibson said: "Admittedly there is an ethical issue about giving the HPV vaccine and the hepatitis vaccine to girls this young.

"But the vaccine is a very important breakthrough in the fight against cervical cancer.

"There is already a lot of concern that the release of the vaccine is being delayed unnecessarily.

"I believe that vaccination will be necessary if we are to eradicate cervical cancer."

Around the city, people were surprised to hear that girls so young would be targeted by many agreed that it was a good idea.

Janet Howard, 54, of Lakenham said: "It is probably a good idea in today's society, because young people are so promiscuous."

John Cooke, 62, Thorpe St Andrew, near Norwich, said: "It's appalling that this is necessary. But if it eliminates cervical cancer it should probably be introduced."

T - Do you think girls of such a young age should receive a vaccine for sexually transmitted diseases? Write to the Evening News Letters, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich, NR1 1RE, email

[eveningnewsletters@archant.co.uk](mailto:eveningnewsletters@archant.co.uk) or visit [eveningnews24.co.uk/forums](http://eveningnews24.co.uk/forums)