

## Newham's response to polio virus detected in London

Following the detection of the polio virus during a routine sewage inspection at Beckton Sewage works.

We are working closely with the UK Health Security Agency to monitor the situation. We are reassuring residents that the risk of infection is extremely low and that if you have the full course of vaccines, you will have life-long protection against Polio.

If you are not sure if you or your child are vaccinated, or when you or your child need to get vaccinated, look in your red book or speak to your GP, Health Visitor or School Nurse. You can also visit the NHS website to find out about different vaccines and when to have them. The important thing to know is that it's never too late to get vaccinated.

Up until the age of 5, vaccines are offered for free by your GP. Some vaccines also happen at school and students in Year 9 can get vaccines to protect against Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio and Meningitis from now until July 2022.

To find out more visit: [www.newham.gov.uk/childhoodimmunisations](http://www.newham.gov.uk/childhoodimmunisations)