

Uptake of Influenza Immunisation in Gateshead

The Department of Health introduced a campaign to immunise people aged 65 and over against influenza in 2000/01. Since 2002/03 the target uptake has been 70%. The campaign runs between October and December each year and the immunisation service is delivered within primary care. Fig 1 below shows uptake in Gateshead, the NE and England in each financial year up to 2004/05. Gateshead has consistently met the 70% uptake target and, since 2004/05 local uptake has been higher than overall uptake across England.

Fig 1: Percentage uptake of influenza immunisation among people ages 65 and over

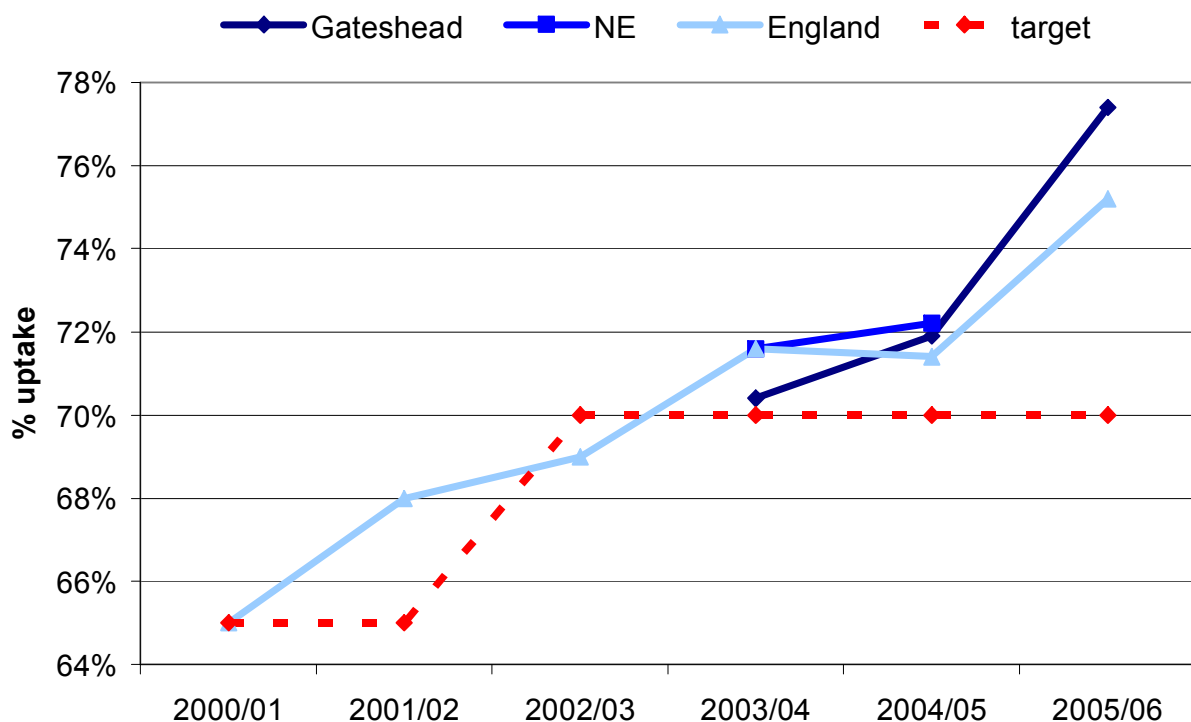


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Year	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06
Gateshead	-	-	-	70.4%	71.9%	77.4%
NE	-	-	-	71.6%	72.2%	-
England	65.0%	68.0%	69.0%	71.6%	71.4%	75.2%

In addition, uptake of the influenza vaccination is now promoted among people under 65 who fall into high risk groups, defined as those people that suffer from:

- respiratory disease including asthma

- CHD
- chronic renal disease
- diabetes
- immunosuppression

Table 2: Percentage uptake of influenza immunisation among high risk groups in 2005/06

Risk factor	Gateshead	England	Gateshead patients in risk group
Chronic respiratory disease	54.9%	42.7%	9501
CHD	60.4%	51.9%	3603
Chronic Renal Disease	44.4%	38.8%	266
Diabetes	73.0%	69.3%	2798
Immunosuppression	48.5%	40.5%	4084
Chronic Liver Disease	35.8%	27.8%	788

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