

# News Release

## **NEW 5-IN-1 JAB FEARS PROMPT SURGE FOR SINGLE VACCINES FROM MANCHESTER CHILDREN'S IMMUNISATION CENTRE**

Fears over the Government's controversial new 5-in-1 children's vaccine has prompted a surge in appointments at a Manchester clinic which offers single vaccine alternatives to the triple MMR jab.

The St John Street centre – which has recently become the first private health clinic in the North West to obtain a Healthcare Commission registration – has provided parents with single vaccine alternatives to the combined MMR jab for two years.

But director Fiona Dickson said that since the Government had announced the 5-in-1 jab, parents' fears over the alleged links to autism and bowel cancer as a result of combined jabs had prompted a flood of calls and appointments.

Fiona, who opened the centre after looking in vain for somewhere to have her own child vaccinated, added: "Many parents come to the clinic because they don't know what choice to make for their children.

"Negative publicity about the combined jab concerns them and they simply want to be offered an alternative and are prepared to pay for a course of three separate injections.

"However much the Government tries to reassure people there will always be doubt in parents' minds and they deserve to have a choice.

"This has clearly been shown as our bookings have significantly risen since the debate has featured in the media again.

"The Children's Immunisation Centre is not anti-MMR – it simply provides the choice which is not available from the Government. We encourage people to research the issue and make sure they have all the information before making a decision about immunisation."

The Manchester Children's Immunisation Centre opened in 2002 and has a second clinic in Harley Street, London.

Its Healthcare Commission licence, which was awarded earlier this year, follows a stringent and thorough independent audit and inspection of the clinic as part of a wider drive to improve the quality of healthcare within England and Wales.

Fiona added: "This licence demonstrates to parents how committed we are to providing them with efficient and effective healthcare."

All vaccinations performed at the clinic are administered by qualified doctors. The centre follows the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency Guidelines and vaccines are specially ordered from reputable pharmaceutical companies.

Appointments can be made at the Children's Immunisation Centre Manchester by calling 0870 161 0007 or London 0870 161 0009. Further information is available by visiting [www.childrensimmunisation.com](http://www.childrensimmunisation.com)

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