

HPV Jabs- Why So Important?

Recently, pupils from Bryn Hafren Comprehensive were offered a HPV Jab.

So, what is HPV? Well, HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) is a vaccine given to girls aged 12-13. A doctor's research showed that the vaccine could last up to 5 years. The vaccine that is given will protect the girls from Cervical Cancer and genital warts which are spread by having sexual intercourse.

The disease develops in a woman's cervix meaning only the women need this vaccine. The vaccine has a few side effects such as: headache, fainting, sickness and a fever.

This cancer's symptoms are unusual bleeding in between periods or after menopause. According to Cancer Research UK, cervical cancer is the second most common cancer in women aged 35 and under. It is estimated that around 970 women died in 2011 in the UK and that about 400 lives could be saved by getting the vaccine before being infected.

A pupil at Bryn Hafren, Ffion, spoke about the injection, "It wasn't as painful as I thought and it only took a minute."

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