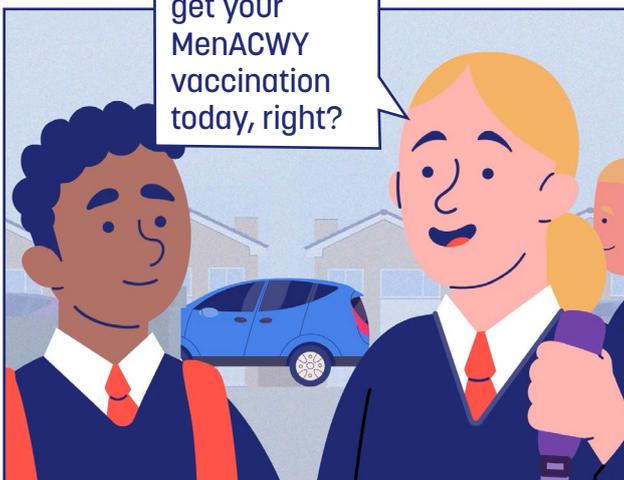
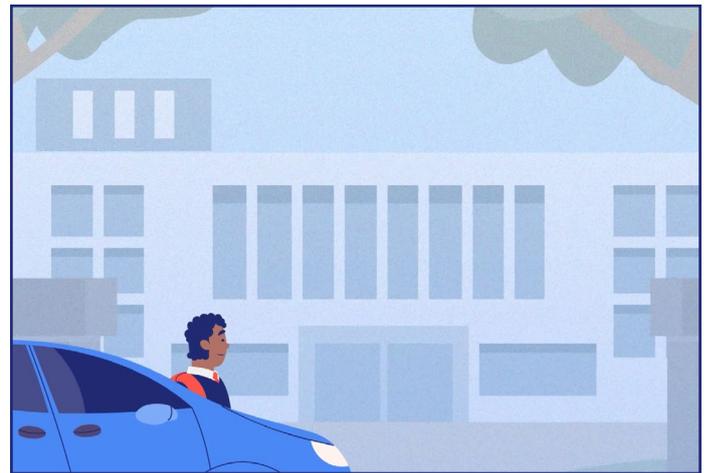
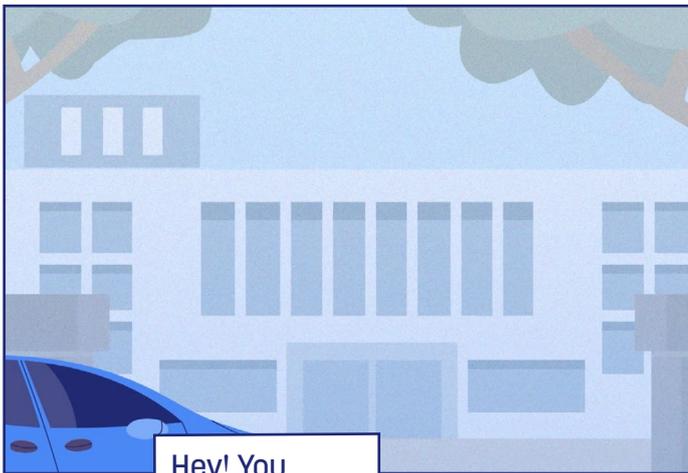




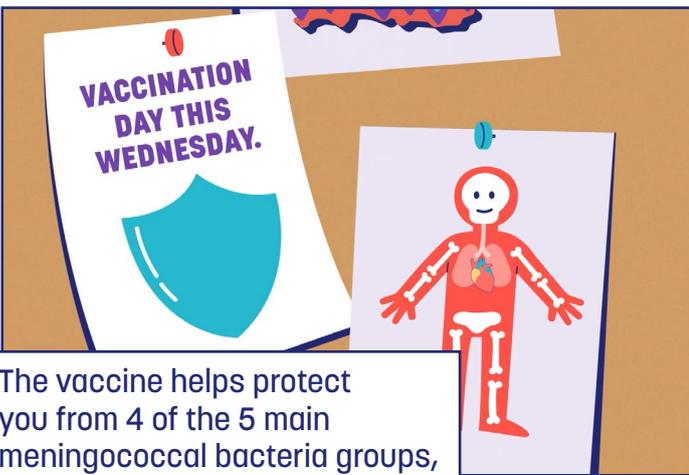
What is the MenACWY vaccine?



You'll also usually get the Teenage 3-in-1 Booster vaccine for tetanus, diphtheria, and polio at the same time. It's nothing to worry about!

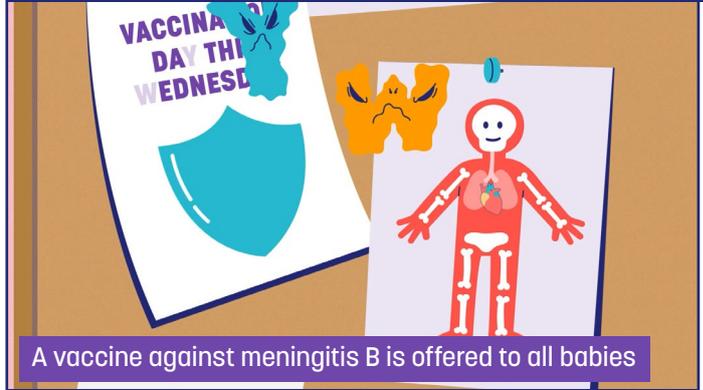


Each year, over 500,000 young people in the UK your age get the MenACWY vaccine to improve protection against Meningococcal disease.

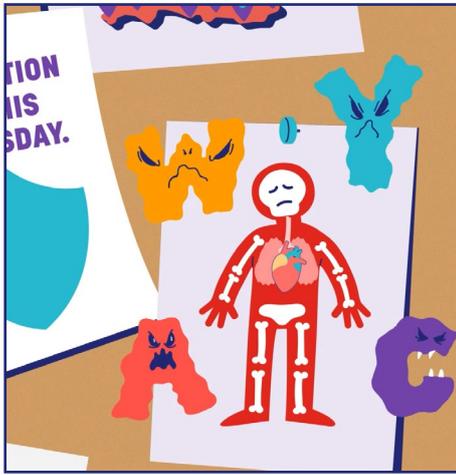


The vaccine helps protect you from 4 of the 5 main meningococcal bacteria groups,

Meningitis A, C, W and Y that cause meningitis and septicaemia.



A vaccine against meningitis B is offered to all babies



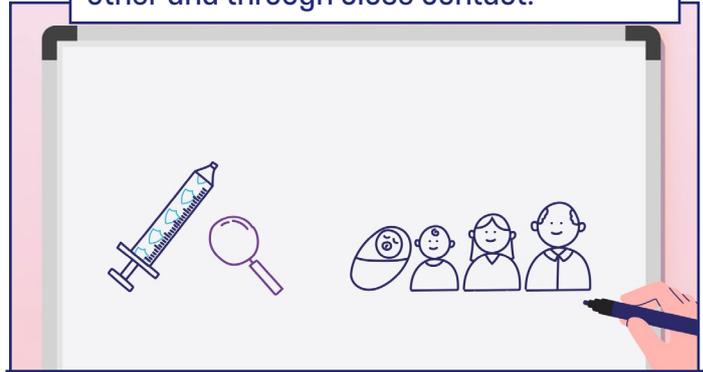
Meningitis can cause fever, headaches, and vomiting, and if untreated, may lead to sepsis, which can seriously damage your vital organs and even be fatal.



Meningococcal infection is contagious and can be transmitted from person to person through coughing and sneezing near each other and through close contact.



All vaccines undergo extensive testing to ensure they're safe, just like this one.

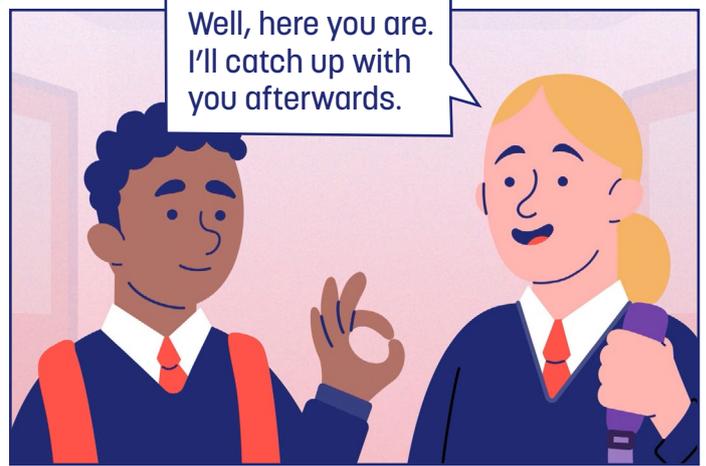


Meningitis can affect anyone, and people aged 15-19 are more likely to carry the bacteria unknowingly.

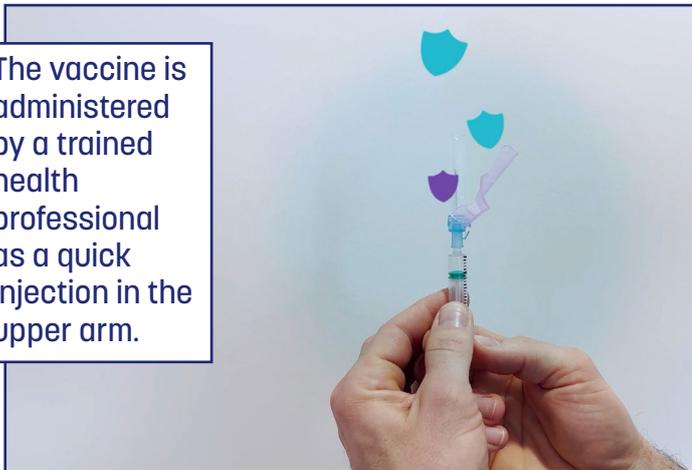
The MenACWY vaccine helps protect you and others around you by reducing bacteria spread, making vaccination important for everyone.



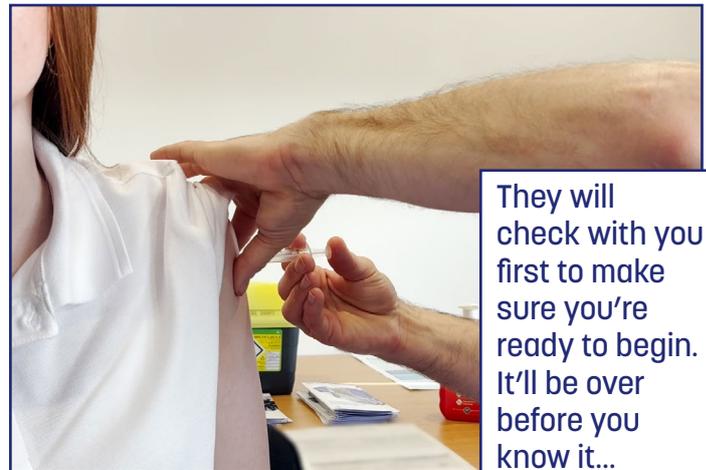
Well, here you are. I'll catch up with you afterwards.



The vaccine is administered by a trained health professional as a quick injection in the upper arm.



They will check with you first to make sure you're ready to begin. It'll be over before you know it...

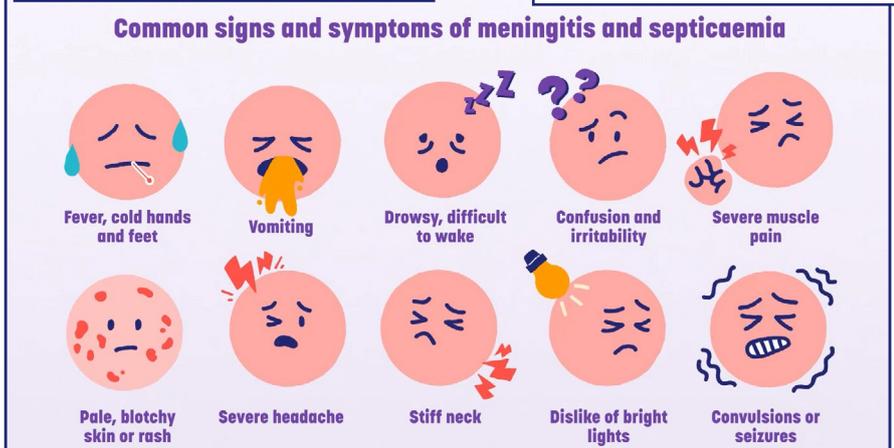
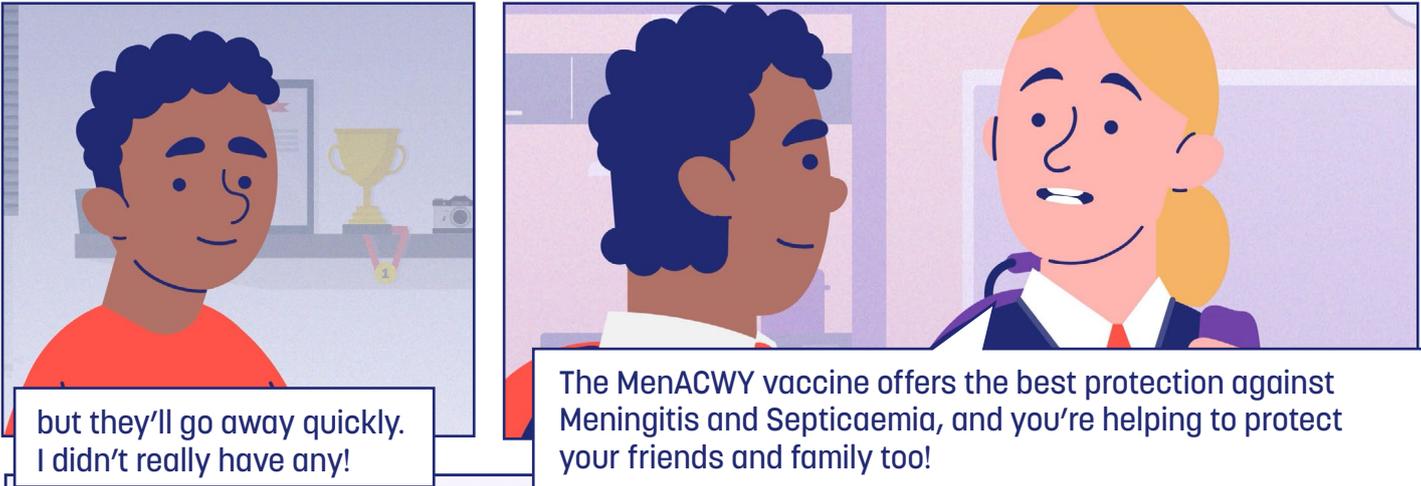
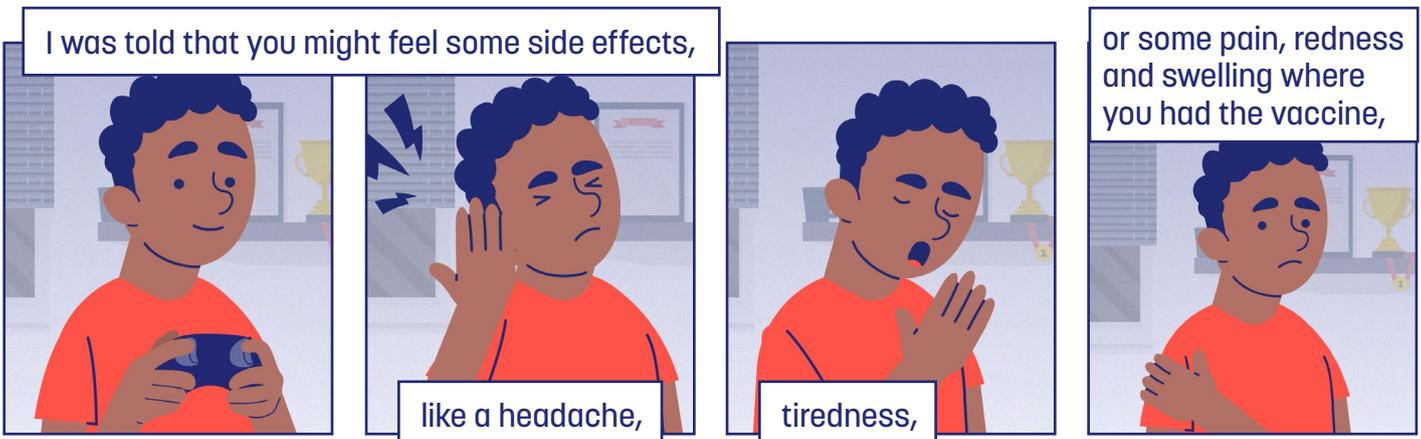


And you probably won't know it because many people, like me hardly felt it.



What did I tell you? Simple, right?





However, even if you are vaccinated, it's still important to know the signs and symptoms, as no vaccine offers 100% protection.

Go on! Share what you've learned about the MenACWY vaccine with your parent or guardian. You'll be given information to take home in advance and you can show them this comic. You can also send them a link to the Public Health Wales website.

phw.nhs.wales/vaccines

If you don't go to school or aren't in on the day of the vaccinations, you will be able to book an appointment at your GP surgery or contact your school nurse or immunisation team.

