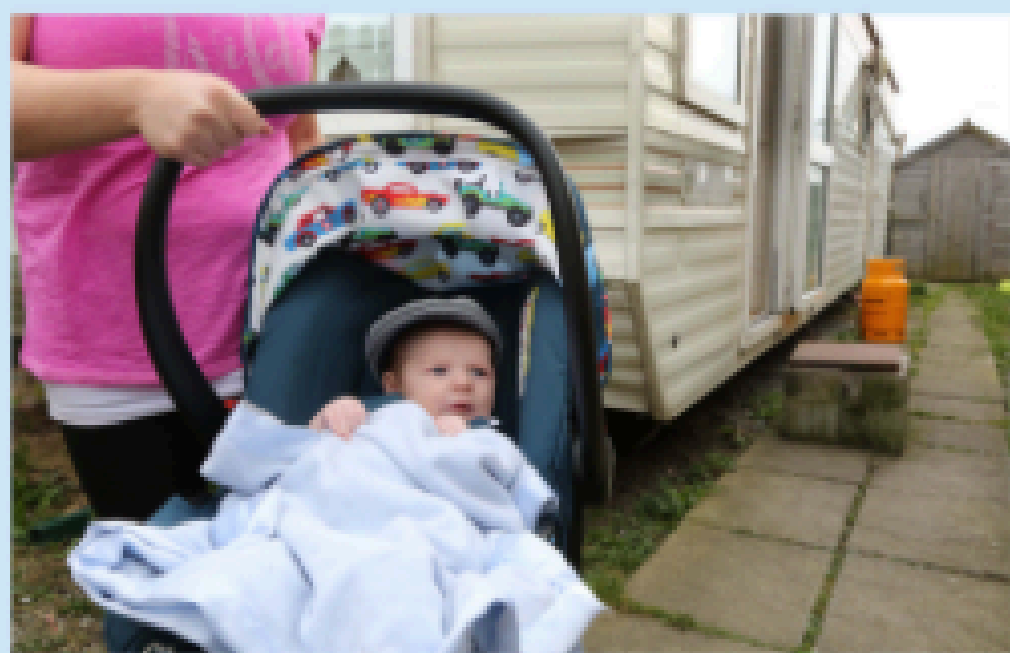


RSV Needle

Information for Pavee Gailles



- We know Traveller babies may have a higher risk of getting RSV due to overcrowding. So **it's important we protect them as much as we can.**
- RSV can make it hard for babies to breathe. Some will need to go to the hospital and could need intensive care.
- **The RSV needle is very effective and safe.** It protects babies for six months from getting very sick from RSV.

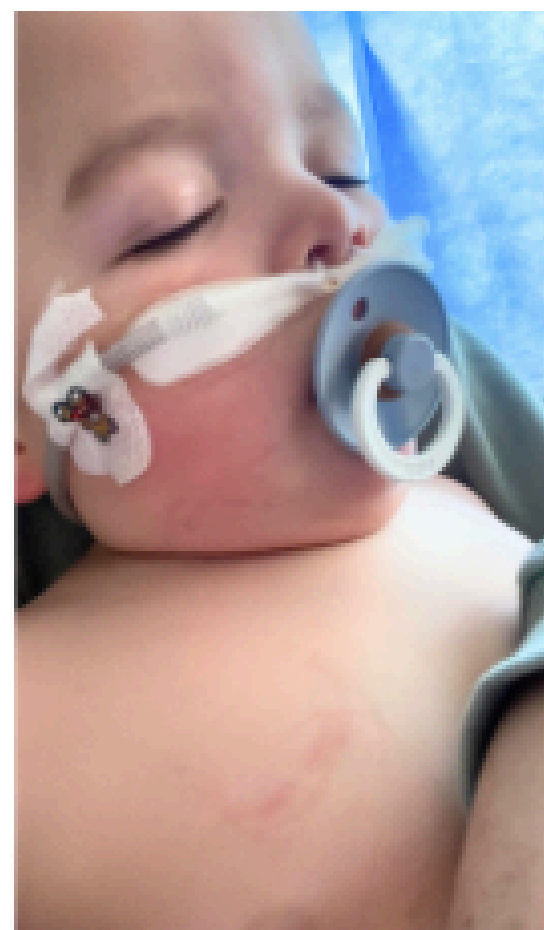


- If you have any questions, ask your midwife at the hospital for more information.
- You can also get in touch with your local Travellers Primary Healthcare Project.

RSV is a very serious virus that can make newborn babies very sick. 1 in 2 babies get RSV in their first year of life.

The RSV needle will be delivered by the health regions to three groups of babies to protect them against RSV:

- newborns at maternity hospitals
- High-risk babies through a home delivery service
- infants less than 6 months old as of September 1st, who will be invited to clinics where they can get the needle as part of a catch up programme. Parents can book online for their babies to get the needle.



- The RSV needle is one needle for the baby and will protect them over the wintertime, when RSV is at its highest.
- Traveller babies who develop SCIDs can still get this needle - it is still safe to have.

