**Mosborough Health Centre Travel vaccinations and advice policy**

This policy is based on NICE guidance for General Practitioners to follow regarding providing travel vaccination and advice services.

A risk assessment will be performed based on the information you have provided to us on our travel form. The forms can be found on the website or collected from reception. It cannot be done via our online AccuRx submission or by asking reception which vaccines are recommended - a form must be filled out.

All travel forms should be completed **6-8 weeks before travel**. This is because most vaccines are recommended to be given 4 weeks prior to travelling, so that you will be fully protected. If it is a last-minute travel or you did not realise you needed vaccines, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to complete a risk assessment or book you an appointment for the vaccines if needed in safe or timely manner. In this case **you may be advised to visit a private clinic instead.**

**The following vaccines are freely available on the NHS for travel overseas, when recommended:**

* Typhoid fever
* Hepatitis A
* Poliomyelitis (This will be given as a Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Polio 3in1 as this is the vaccine that is used in the UK)
* Cholera

**The following vaccines are *NOT* routinely available on the NHS for overseas travel:**

* Rabies (although vaccination may be available on the NHS for people who handle bats in a voluntary role)
* Meningococcal meningitis
* Yellow fever (only available in designated centres)
* Japanese encephalitis
* Tick-borne encephalitis
* Hepatitis B

**Malaria**

Malaria medication is **not available on the NHS.** We will advise you during your consultation if malaria prophylaxis is needed or recommended. It is then up to you to arrange an assessment and prescription. This will involve you making an appointment at a local travel clinic or pharmacy. Details will be provided to you about where you can go for this from one of the nursing team.

Please be aware there **will be fee to pay** if you need a consultation with a travel clinic/local pharmacy, a fee for each vaccine if they are not available via the NHS, and for the malaria medication. Please check before booking your holiday.