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European viper venom	Ordering and emergency stock	01/15	224	7
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Virus Reference Dept	Virus special edition: NIS Colindale; specialist teams and lab activities	11/19	302	1
VZIG	VZIG – exposure to chickenpox? Shortage of VZIG	08/18	285	1
VZIG	Updated guidance on use of VZIG during supply shortage	07/18	281	6



Wastage	See under 'V' Vaccine wastage			
West Midlands	Improving vaccine uptake in West Midlands	12/19	303	9
Webinars	Immunisation training webinars primary care series 2020	12/20	315	9
Webinars	Primary care immunisation webinars	11/20	314	7
World AMR awareness week	WAAW is a global initiative to raise awareness about the growing threat of antimicrobial resistance	11/23	344	11
World hepatitis Day	Continued efforts to eliminate hepatitis	08/23	341	10
World Immunization Week	WHO annual celebration of immunisation	04/20	307	1
Wrenbury Primary School	How we did it! Wrenbury Primary School – 'Immunisation and why we have it' project. Link GP practice and Nursing Home	09/19	301	3
Written Instruction flu vaccine	Written instruction for the administration flu vaccine peer to peer	06/19	295	6





Yellow Fever

