Travel vaccination and information resources

Q. Where can I get information on travel vaccines and information resources?

A. <u>TRAVAX</u> is funded by the Scottish Government Health Department and is provided free to those using the service for NHS purposes in Scotland. It is a very useful resource for up-to-date travel health information for health care professionals.

<u>Fitfortravel</u> is a public access website provided by the NHS (Scotland). It provides general travel health advice and disease prevention information for people travelling abroad from the UK.

For more info contact: **Travel Health General Enquiries: Health Protection Scotland. Tel:** 0141 300 1100 E-mail NSS.hpstravelteam@nhs.net

Q. Should travellers wishing to be immunised against pertussis (for example grandparents travelling to Australia to visit new grandchildren) be offered the vaccine?

A. Adult boosters of pertussis vaccine are not recommended for the UK. In the UK, a programme was introduced to vaccinate all pregnant women against pertussis; evidence shows that this is the best way to protect very young infants. Travellers wishing to be immunised against pertussis (for example grandparents travelling to visit new grandchildren) may wish to arrange having the vaccine at a private clinic or at their destination.