

BRITISH PAEDIATRIC SURVEILLANCE UNIT
Reporting Instructions & Case Definitions – JANUARY 2024

When reporting a case **PLEASE** keep details of patients for reference.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please inform the office of retirements or circumstances that will affect your ability to return the orange card. Complete the report card by ticking "nothing to report" or indicating the number of cases of the listed conditions seen in the month specified.

1. Progressive intellectual & neurological deterioration (Excluding Republic of Ireland)

Case Definition: Any child under 16 years of age at onset of symptoms who fulfils **ALL** of the following three criteria:

Progressive deterioration for more than three months with
Loss of already attained intellectual/developmental abilities and
Development of abnormal neurological signs.

Excluding: Static intellectual loss e.g. after encephalitis, head injury or near drowning.

Including: Children who meet the case definition even if specific neurological diagnoses have been made.

Metabolic disorders leading to neurological deterioration.
Seizure disorders if associated with **progressive** deterioration.
Children that have been diagnosed as having neurodegenerative conditions but not yet developed symptoms

Reporting restricted to:

- 1) Chicken pox in an infant less than 1 month of age, regardless of gestational age at birth, based on history, clinical findings and/or laboratory findings.