

**BRITISH PAEDIATRIC SURVEILLANCE UNIT**  
Reporting Instructions & Case Definitions – SEPTEMBER 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. Congenital and Hospitalised Neonatal Varicella**

**Case definition for Fetal varicella syndrome:**

- 1a) Any stillborn or liveborn infant who, in the opinion of the notifying paediatrician, has confirmed or suspected fetal varicella syndrome, with or without congenital deformities based on history, clinical and/or laboratory findings.
- 1b) Any infant that presents with herpes zoster (shingles) in the first year of life (based on clinical and laboratory findings)
- 1c) Spontaneous abortion or termination of pregnancy following varicella in pregnancy.

**Case definition for Neonatal varicella syndrome:**

- 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.