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Tamworth's MP Christopher Pincher has backed calls by the charity, Meningitis Now encouraging young people to protect themselves from a deadly strain of bacterial meningitis.

Following a worrying increase of 809 per cent in meningococcal (group W) meningitis cases in the past five years, the government launched a vaccination programme to protect young people aged 14-15 through schools, and those aged 17 to 18 through their GP.

Despite the introduction of this vaccine, and the increased risk to students and young people, the uptake of the Men ACWY remains very low.

Read the full story from the Tamworth Herald [here](#).