

# THE *informed* PARENT

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*We would like to start by wishing you all a happy new year and to apologise to all our members for any delays that may have occurred in receiving relevant information.*

*We have been overwhelmed by the response we have been receiving - 200 members so far - and we are trying hard to give as much of our time as possible to the group, in between working and raising families. So please bear with us.*

Since we started in September we have been busy writing letters, making phone calls and establishing useful contacts.

Two organisations in the United States - DPT (Dissatisfied Parents Together) and PRISM (People for reason in Science and Medicine) have both been very supportive and have sent us a great deal of information.

We have also written to dozens of organisations including ones connected with autism, dyslexia, multiple sclerosis, epilepsy, allergy, cancer, ME

and cot death.

We inquired whether they had information on the possible links between the effects of vaccination and the organisation's particular condition, and if any research had been undertaken.

We also asked to what degree these particular conditions had increased over the last 50 years.

We shall inform you of their responses in future newsletters. Our intention for this year is to compile fact sheets on each of the childhood vaccinations, summarising all the information we have been accumulating. We shall let you know when they become available.

### GETTING AROUND

The Informed Parent is starting to receive some publicity and has been mentioned in a few magazines and newsletters. We were actually invited by Radio 4 Woman's Hour production team to go on air about the group.

However, they decided later, to

invite Penny Junor instead. She had chosen not to have certain vaccinations for her children and spoke about her viewpoint with a doctor giving a more orthodox view.

There is a possibility that an article about the group will be featured in one of the women's magazines in the near future. We are keeping our fingers crossed.

Finally it has been good to talk to many of the members and to hear their experiences on the subject.

Thank you too for sending various snippets of information and criticisms, personal experiences etc., so we can share the information with all the members.

*Magda Taylor, Secretary.*

P.S. I would like to thank Ian & Monique Stirling for an inspiring afternoon!

### URGENT REQUEST!

A research project is currently being carried out entitled '*Rational Non-Compliance with child immunisation: A study of accounts from parents and G.P.'s*', by the Dept. of Sociology and Social Administration, Roehampton Institute, London.

Dr. Anne Rogers (who is a member of the Informed Parent) is looking for parents to interview in the London area, preferably south east. The interview will last about an hour and anonymity is guaranteed. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Anne Rogers on : 081 659 5146, as soon as possible for further information.

### FORTHCOMING TALK

'Childhood Illness'

March 20, 1993

at Friends Meeting House,  
8 Hop Gardens, WC2.

Telephone: 0892 537254 for details.



# PROBLEMS WITH THE MMR VACCINE

*Two brands of vaccine used to protect babies and children against measles, mumps and rubella were withdrawn in September last year (1992) because of possible links with a mild form of meningitis.*

However, thousands of children were still being given the MMR injections days after the Department of Health decided to stop supplying two types of the vaccine.

Although the decision was made earlier in September, the department had not planned a public statement or to tell doctors not to use the two brands of the vaccine until September 17.

A letter to hospital pharmacists, however, was sent out the week before.

Stories appeared in all national newspapers highlighting both the delay and the possible meningitis risk with the vaccine. Dr Kenneth Calman, chief medical officer was quoted as saying: "When it does occur, the vaccine-associated meningitis is very rare. From the instances reported it appears to be a mild and more transient illness than meningitis from wild virus."

One type of vaccine, MMR 2, has not been connected with any side effects and will continue to be used.

The triple vaccines were introduced in October 1988 and are now given as a matter of routine to 500,000 babies a year at around 14 months.

Just over 50 cases of children suffering serious side-effects have been detected since the study, involving five health districts, began two years ago.

Newspapers began highlighting cases where children were claimed to

have been affected by the damage.

Rosemary Fox of the Association of Parents of Vaccine Damaged Children, claimed partial deafness and, more alarmingly, a version of measles that can lead to fatal paralysis.

The Daily Telegraph (16.9.92) highlighted the case of a boy who was given the MMR vaccine at boarding school. He complained of headaches and started vomiting and within three days was in hospital.

"He was flat out, unable to eat or drink," said his mother. "He was admitted at 4.30pm and by 11pm they confirmed he had meningitis."

The boy was very poorly for some time. He was 13, two years older than the recommended top age. His family considered legal action but decided not to proceed. However, their solicitor was representing another case of a five year old boy who was left profoundly deaf after meningitis, allegedly after MMR vaccination.

The Mail on Sunday (20.9.92) carried a story about a 15 month old baby who died 17 days after being given the MMR vaccination. She died

from inflammation of the heart muscle.

The Daily Telegraph (18.9.92) also told of a five year old boy who was diagnosed as having a brain viral infection after an MMR vaccination.

His mother reported that although he usually slept through every night, the night after the vaccination he woke up and by next morning had changed from a placid, cuddly baby into 'an absolute little monster.' At first the GP put his behaviour down to the Terrible Twos but eventually a blood test showed a viral infection.

"My daughter is 15 months now and I don't want her to have the vaccination," his mother is reported as saying. "But then I feel guilty: what if she does get measles, mumps and rubella and gets it badly?"

Also the Daily Telegraph (18.9.92) there was the case of twins who were vaccinated for MMR. One suffered no side effects, the other was hospitalised with meningitis and has been hyperactive ever since.

"He had a high temperature and was covered in spots," said the mother. "The doctor said it was the reaction to the jab and gave him paracetamol to keep his temperature down, but it went up to 104 degrees and the next day he had a fit."

## WHAT YOUR GP IS PAID EXTRA FOR

### *Childhood immunisations*

\* if 90 per cent of under-2s are vaccinated ..... £1,800

\* if 70 per cent of under-2s are vaccinated ..... £600

Your GP is also paid extra for cervical smear tests, court attendance, night visits, etc.

(Taken from the Observer Magazine 8.11.1992)



## Important Notice

*Now that we have a substantial number of members, we would like to set up a support network for those members interested.*

*We believe that one of the problems for parents who question vaccination is the feeling of isolation from like-minded people. The link-up scheme enables you to phone or meet-up with other members in your area with whom you can share thoughts and ideas.*

*Although most of you joined with the application form where we asked you whether you wished your name to be made available to other members, some of you joined without filling a form in. So please let us know by the last day of February, if you do NOT want your name included in the scheme, otherwise we shall assume you are happy to be included.*

# NEW VACCINE FOR 1992

*Up to five million children under the age of four will receive a new vaccination against bacterial meningitis over the next 12 months, the Independent told us (1.10.92).*

Health experts said they hoped to eradicate the most common cause of bacterial meningitis, which effects 700 children each year.

In addition Hib (haemophilus influenza type b) causes other life threatening complications. It accounts for 1,300 hospital admissions annually, with at least 65 deaths and 150 cases of brain damage.

### WARNING

*Kathy Elliot, manager of family and child health at the Health Education Authority, warned parents that the vaccine would protect only against Hib meningitis and not the meningococcal and pneumococcal forms of the disease.*

*She said parents should still continue to be alert to the symptoms which can resemble flu, measles or other childhood illnesses. They include fever, vomiting, neck stiffness, dislike of bright light, a rash and increasing drowsiness.*

Which? Way to Health (October 1992) said only children under four years need to be immunised; by the time they are four, most children have

developed a natural resistance to Hib. Hib accounts for about 30 per cent of all meningitis.

A report in 'Modern Vaccines: Current Practises And New Approaches' (Lancet Review 1992) says that clinical trials of the original vaccine known as PRP "have confirmed both its poor immunogenicity and its inability to protect infants less than 18 months... only about a quarter of serious Hib. infections occur in children older than 2 years and the data from N. America indicated that PRP protected only about 50% of immunised children in this age group".

In 1989 a new conjugate vaccine, now used in the UK was used in Finland on younger infants. This gave a protective efficacy of 89%.

By contrast, in Alaska, protective efficacy was only 35% according to a report in 'Immunisation- Principles and Practice'. (Ed. JA Dudgeon and William AM Cutting. Chapman and Hall Medical- 1991.)

## BABY STILL NOT BURIED AFTER FIVE YEARS

(Observer 4.10.1992)

*A couple are refusing to bury their baby son five years after his mysterious death.*

Four month old Christopher Blum was found dead in his cot, hours after receiving a triple vaccine.

His parents are convinced his death was linked to the immunisation

polio, whooping cough and tetanus, to which he had reacted.

The pathologists have concluded that the baby died from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (cot death) but the parents disagree. Officials are demanding that the child be buried but the parents want an inquest to be held and are refusing to register his death

which would allow a funeral to take place.

"From my understanding of the evidence we have, my son couldn't have died from cot death," said the father. "It appears he died from blood poisoning which rapidly overwhelmed his defences."



# VACCINATION? A DIFFICULT DECI

*There is a widespread assumption that the vaccination of young children against infectious diseases can only be a good thing, both for the children themselves and the community as a whole. So begins a leaflet from The Society of Homoeopaths, based in Northampton.*

Many of us who belong to The Informed Parent group have at some point, decided to question this general assumption.

Our group was set up to help ourselves and others like us to seek a wider view on the subject and to offer support to parents who feel isolated in their decision to refuse vaccinations for their families.

The Society of Homoeopaths suggest that a thorough search through the medical literature on the subject of vaccination indicates a number of inconsistencies and shows that there are many factors to take into consideration.

"When a campaign was launched in 1988 to encourage the use of the new MMR vaccine against measles, mumps and rubella (German measles) it was implied that a single dose would provide life-long protection against all three diseases, 'says the Society's leaflet. "This combined vaccine has been used routinely in the United States since 1975, yet the incidence of measles there, having reached its lowest ever in 1983, rose considerably in 1989. As more than half the cases were among vaccinated children, it was decided a second dose of MMR at school entry should be given to increase protection."

The leaflet goes on to discuss side effects and says that from a few hours to a few days after vaccination, children

tend to become upset and irritable and may develop a temperature, soreness at the injection site, a cough and a runny nose.

"More serious reactions can occur - as an example, the information supplied to doctors by a manufacturer of MMR vaccine lists the following: immediate allergic reactions, febrile convulsions, temporary arthritic symptoms, transient disturbances of the nervous system, including one-sided paralysis, deafness and encephalitis. Some of these symptoms may not develop until several weeks after the injection."

The Society suggests that this highlights one of the areas where research is lacking. There have been no long-term studies comparing the health of vaccinated and non-vaccinated groups. The longest study after MMR vaccination examined 14 children for up to 10 years but only in terms of antibody levels.

Many voices are raised both here, in Europe and in the United States against vaccination.

Robert Mendelsohn, an American doctor, says that there are significant risks associated with every immunisation and numerous contradictions that may make it dangerous for the shots to be given to your child.

"Yet doctors administer them routinely," he says, "without warning parents of the hazards and without determining whether the immunisation is contraindicated for the child."

The International Journal of Alternative Medicine carried a report in August 1992 about an alleged 'reassurance on safety of pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine.'

The report discussed acute reactions such as encephalopathy after the pertussis vaccination and other factors.

The comment from the Journal was that 'there is never an all-or-nothing reaction in nature and these severe reactions are simply and inevitably the most obvious of thousands of milder responses which may not be life-threatening but which may be very unpleasant.

'And for what in return?

"The cocktail of viral particles pumped into immature immune systems, many with the potential for mutation, is setting the scene for disastrous decline in immune incompetence in years to come.

"We are already seeing the first signs in the rise in allergic conditions and chronic immune-related diseases, and all to protect against conditions which if handled naturopathically present little danger to anyone."

Many people with alternative theories to vaccination do suggest that if parents choose not to have their children immunised, they should pay special heed to promoting a healthy



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Leon Chaitow, who has written a book on vaccination suggests people should take health-building measures.

Other writers suggest that protection from within - fostering a healthy body - has to be encouraged.

Ray Hill, writing in the September-October 1992 issue of Health Now advocates keeping the vital force strong.

In his final comments in his article he writes: "It was not a difficult decision for me to make some 30 years ago when our first son was born. (Not to immunise) But I had the opportunity to hear and read the unorthodox view from my mentors. Nothing the medical profession has said since, nor their research development, has persuaded me otherwise. In fact they have, if anything, strengthened my conviction."

\*The Society of Homoeopaths, 2 Artizan Road, Northampton, NN1 4HU. (0604 21400). Please send large SAE for introductory leaflets and a register of practitioners.

The British Homoeopathic Association, 27a, Devonshire Street, London, W1N 1RJ (071 - 935 2163). Send large SAE for list of homoeopathic doctors and information about clinics, books, hospitals and chemists.

Vaccination and Immunization: Dangers, Delusions and Alternatives. Leon Chaitow, Published by C.W. Daniel.

A reading list is also available from The Informed Parent.

## VACCINATE? WHY NOT?

*A personal view by Margaret Davidson, mother, writer and yoga teacher, of Whitley Bay in the north east of England.*

"Vaccination - a safer alternative to the acute diseases they address, according to received opinion.

"And statistics prove the case.

"But what if your child is the one out of so many x digits who is vaccine-damaged? Statistics suddenly become meaningless, do they not?

"Louise Pasteur, the instigator of 'vaccines-for-the-masses' confessed on his death-bed that he was in error, that Bechamp was after all correct: 'the microbes are nothing, it is the soil that matters.'

"Despite the retraction, orthodox medicine persists in waging war on microbes. Nor is any attention paid to the fact that acute illnesses were waning prior to the introduction of vaccine programmes.

"Added to this, we seem intent on developing more and more vaccines for an ever-increasing variety of illnesses currently manifesting.

"If we look at acute illness as a challenge rather than a threat to the infant's immature immune system, we gain an entirely new perspective on the vaccination issue. By challenging the immune system, nature equips the infant for 'life'; we are, after all, strengthened not weakened by obstacles overcome.

"Nor does a truly healthy individual present with symptoms of chronic illness of auto-immune disease, which are increasing, whose connection with immunisation programmes the orthodox medical establishment is reluctant to address.

"A parent versed in correct nutrition or correct nursing practices, will steer an infant out of danger in the majority of cases.

"But how many of us nowadays are versed let alone practised in raising families; for the most part we have given away our power to the expert. Parents are simply amateurs in a world that prides itself on the status of professionals and we are guided nowadays less by innate common sense than the dictates of doctor, teacher and social worker.

"I followed the system with my first child with never a question: after all, the experts were trained 'to know.' But knowledge is not wisdom. "Seven years later I went through a repeat performance only this time I was taught a lesson in statistics. The 'exception' to the rule was my baby and I spent another seven years restoring to this child what had been his birthright before I subjected him to vaccines; namely his health and naturally - developed immunity to disease.

"I do not blame the experts, who are at best well-intentioned and at worst ignorant of natural law, I did blame myself, for neglecting my intelligence. "Now I have dispensed with the guilt, having acquired an important lesson: never compromise with innate wisdom.

"Would you administer filth, otherwise called 'a vaccine' just in case 'something worse' was waiting to strike around the corner?

"Nowadays I prefer to risk life simply because life is always a risk from start to finish; there are no guarantees. I would live easier with the knowledge that nature (who granted my child life in the first instance) withdrew that life rather than grant such a prerogative to a fellow human, however qualified.

"It is sheer arrogance which measure life in statistics. Even one vaccine-damaged child is one too many."



# A RENAISSANCE FOR SCIENTIFIC MEDICINE

Two members of The Informed Parent attended the second International Scientific Congress of Doctors in Britain Against Animal Experiments (D.B.A.E.) held in London in September 1992..

The sessions were opened by Sir George Trevelyan, Bt. and David Shepherd, artist and conservationist.

Eight doctors from five European countries and the United States called for the cessation of animal-based medical research, in the interests of health and medical progress.

They claimed that the rising incidence of degenerative illnesses and the increase of iatrogenic (condition resulting from treatment with either unforeseen or inevitable side-effects) diseases was attributed to the erroneous method of considering animals to be reliable models for humans.

"When medical science moves into experiments on animal models, the assumptions that connect them with human experience become outrageous - yet are never questioned." said Dr Peter Mansfield, Founder President of D.B.A.E.

"Animal models differ from their human counterparts. Conclusions drawn from animal research, when applied to human disease are likely to delay progress, mislead and do harm to the patient." - *Moneim A. Fadali. M.D. Cardiac/Thoracic Surgeon. quoted in D.B.A.E. membership form.*

To illustrate this, doctors alluded to the development of transient mumps, meningitis in children vaccinated against measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), which resulted in two brands of the vaccine being withdrawn from the market.

Dr. Gerhard Bachwald, for 30 years medical adviser to German Association of Parents of Vaccination Damaged Children delivered a speech entitled: *Are vaccinations necessary - or are they merely business for the pharmaceutical industry?"*

He aimed to demonstrate "how senseless it is to use animals or animal organs for producing vaccines if the vaccinations do not show the expected results ... if the vaccines actually cause adverse effects."

Copies of this speech and also two other speeches by Dr Buchwald (entitled: *The Dangers of Vaccination in West Germany*- (Oct '88 Paris International Congress Of The National League for Freedom Of Vaccination) and *Vaccination does not protect! vaccination is of no use! Vaccination is harmful!*- (Nov '88 Austria seminar on medical ethics) are available from: The Informed Parent, 19 Woodlands Road, Harrow, Middx HA1 2RT. Please send £3.50 to cover photo copying and postage. ( The 3 speeches amount to approximately 70 pages).

Contact was also made with Dr George Haritakis, a cardiologist from Greece, and currently engaged in epidemiological research with 10,000 people concerning coronary heart disease, stroke and cancer in Greece. He is able to make available the address of other European groups sharing similar objectives to 'The Informed Parent', which we look forward to receiving.

*If you wish to contact D.B.A.E. their address is: D.B.A.E. P.O. Box 302, London. N8 9HD.*

## PAST OPINION

It may be well to recall what happened when Dr. Charles Creighton was asked to write an article on vaccination for the Encyclopaedia Britannica. He complied, but being a scientist in deed as well as in name, felt it incumbent first to study the subject. As a consequence the article had to be condemnatory, for investigation proved vaccination to be "a grotesque superstition" in the opinion of the greatest of modern epidemiologists.

Dr Charles Creighton, in evidence to the Royal Commission on Vaccination stated,

'Until I began to look into the subject for the purpose of the article which I wrote in Encyclopaedia Britannica, I held the ordinary belief which I had been taught as a student, without any question, and it took me a long time to change it. What made me suspicious at the outset was the nature of cowpox. When I began to ask myself, what is cowpox? I was very much astonished at the nature of the case, and it appeared to me that such a disease as cowpox, on the evidence of those who described it in Jenner's time, and who have described it subsequently, had no relation to smallpox at all. This was the suspicion from which I started, and from that suspicion I went on in the downward path of scepticism, until I landed in total disbelief'.

*From: Pasteur Exposed by E. Hume and Vaccination & Immunisation by Leon Chaitow.*



# ME AND VACCINATIONS- IS THERE A CONNECTION?

*ME - or to give it its full name myalgic encephalomyelitis - is an illness where the patient has many symptoms, including terrible tiredness, aching joints, headaches, digestive problems and depression.*

*Some sufferers are suggesting that there could be a link with ME and vaccinations.*

Clare Francis, famous lone woman sailor and author, believes she has suffered from ME for years.

In an article written by her in the London Evening Standard (April 3 1992) she says: "As a child I caught nearly everything that was going - chickenpox, measles, whooping cough, bronchitis, double pneumonia.

"Then I was given my first polio vaccine injection and never really recovered. My digestion was ruined, guts seized up. I'd turn green and they'd have me in hospital for weeks at a time for investigations ...

"ME was finally diagnosed only five years ago when I had a really bad attack."

A woman from Bristol believes her ME was started by a hepatitis V vaccination.

## BLACKOUT

"I started nursing training 2½ years ago," she says. "I was advised to have various vaccinations which I agreed to. About 10 minutes after having a polio booster and the first hepatitis B vaccination I blacked out and was unwell for five weeks. I had all ME-like symptoms (exhaustion, muscle fatigue, aches and pains, coordination and balance problems, memory loss etc.) but they were complicated by the fact that when I blacked out I banged my head and suffered concussion.

I was told by the occupational

health department that no one is ever ill after their vaccinations and after two months off I restarted the course."

This woman was persuaded to have a second hepatitis B vaccination at a tenth of the normal dose. She didn't pass out but became light-headed and after 24 hours developed balance problems.

Eventually her condition was diagnosed but she adds that between the 2 hepatitis B vaccinations has had a BCG with no problems.

A mother quoted in What Doctors Don't Tell You says that a few days after her son had a BCG vaccination, he contracted what was later diagnosed as ME.

He was given the Heaf test and there was some reaction, but no further investigations were carried out and the injection was given.

"We are convinced that Chris's illness was a direct result of the BCG and have heard of a few more cases where this particular vaccination has caused problems," she says.

What Doctors Don't Tell You say that the Heaf test is used by 95 per cent of the school districts interviewed in a study to measure tuberculin sensitivity. A negative result is supposed to mean that the child does not carry antibodies to the tubercle bacillus. However, say WDDTY, the test is notoriously inaccurate.

A member of The Informed Parent who has chosen not to vaccinate her son writes: "Before meeting my present homoeopath I felt the only person really behind me was my mother. She totally gave up allopathic medicine when my brother had ME which a homoeopath traced back to his TB jab at school. He is now completely cured by alternative methods after his GP said he couldn't do anything."

The address of the ME Action group is: ME Action, PO Box 1302, Wells, Somerset BA5 2WE. Please enclose SAE.

## The Vaccination Controversy

*With Salli Rose*

*In this session we will look at the different vaccinations. The statistical evidence of their success and failures. We will examine your questions and fears and look at the choices that are available to you.*

*Date: Tuesday March 2nd 1993*

*Venue: Primrose Hill Community Centre, Hopkinsons Place,*

*Fitzroy Road, NW1.*

*Time: 1.00 - 3.15pm.*

*Booking: Tel 081 - 444 7217*

*Cost: £10.00, £18.00 Per Couple.*

*Salli Rose is an experienced homoeopath and healer. She specialises in the treatment of mothers and children throughout the pregnancy period and formative years. Salli lectures widely in hospitals, institutions and runs courses both here and overseas. Salli is committed to making as much information available, so that people can make informed choices.*



# IMMUNISATION - A MOTHER'S PERSONAL VIEW

"My story begins when my son Mark, now a healthy five year old, was a baby. He received two routine vaccinations for diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus and two polio orals.

"A few days after the second of these vaccinations, I saw a very noticeable change in Mark. He had a perpetually runny nose and cold symptoms, was grey around the eyes and thoroughly miserable. I took him to my GP several times and was told that Mark had a virus which would simply run its course.

"It didn't, so I took him to a homoeopath who had previously treated him successfully for baby eczema. We had been introduced to homoeopathy and other alternatives by members of my family who were impressed with the results.

"The homoeopath gave him the antidotal remedy and his symptoms cleared. I believe this was no coincidence.

"When I received an immunisation appointment for Mark

from my new GP (I'd changed practices by then) I asked my homoeopath for advice. He advised against, but said that if Mark ever did have any more vaccinations he should immediately have them homoeopathically antidoted.

"I kept receiving immunisation appointments and cancelled them all.

"On my routine 'feminine style' check up at the GPs I made my stand. I had refused the nurse's offer of a tetanus booster for myself, when my doctor realised I was his 'non-conformist' patient. He invited me for a chat. He is a reasonable man and we agreed to differ, saying we would both respect each other's views and he would try to stop the health authority computer from sending more appointments to me.

"Pleasant though he sounded, I knew I was going 'against the tide' when he told me I must sign a disclaimer note to safeguard him in the event of Mark's ever contracting one of the immunisable illnesses and having any further complications.

"He asked me if I realised that Mark could have serious complications if he caught mumps and I counteracted that by saying homoeopathic treatment would soon clear that up.

"I lent him Leon Chaitow's book (mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter) and when I collected it, he said he had agreed with parts of it but one had to follow one's 'gut' feelings in this matter. During this conversation I felt he wasn't quite as confident any more.

"We are all self healing. We need to keep ourselves and our surroundings clean, eat healthily and use alternative therapies to boost our immune systems.

"I firmly believe that immunisation is a completely worthless practice with possibly disastrous short and especially long-term effects. My message to parents is: Read up on the subject and if you decide against it, stick to your guns. I believe you have made the right decision."

*Sarah White, Dorset. 1992.*

*The views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the members or founder members. We are simply bringing these various viewpoints to your attention. This organisation is entirely voluntary and non-profit making.*

## AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE GROUP

1. To promote awareness and understanding about immunisation in order to preserve the freedom of an informed choice.
2. To offer support to parents regardless of the decisions they make.
3. To inform parents of the alternatives to vaccinations.
4. To accumulate historical and current information about immunisation and to make it available to members and interested parties.
5. To arrange and facilitate local talks, discussions and seminars on immunisation and preventative medicine for childhood illnesses.
6. To establish a nationwide support network and register ( subject to members permission ).
7. To publish a newsletter for members.
8. To obtain, collect and receive money and funds by way of contributions, donations, subscriptions, legacies, grants or any other lawful methods; to accept and receive any gift of property and to devote the income, assets or property of the group in or towards fulfilment of the objectives of the group.

## Membership Application Form

**YES, I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN "THE INFORMED PARENT GROUP"**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not want your name and address made available to other members, please tick this box ☐

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

(please tick appropriate box)

☐ Waged £5.00

☐ Students and unwaged £4.00

☐ Organisations £8.00

☐ I enclose cheque / postal order for the sum of £ \_\_\_\_\_ (cheques and postal orders made payable to 'The Informed Parent').

Please return this form with your remittance to:  
The Informed Parent, 29 Greyhound Road, Sutton,  
Surrey SM1 4BY.