

# Plea for calm after cancer vaccine death.

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HEALTH experts today warned parents not to panic after a girl died within hours of being given the new cervical cancer vaccine at school.

Natalie Morton, 14, died yesterday after suffering a "rare but extreme" reaction to the jab.

Health bosses in Coventry, where the tragedy occurred, have launched an investigation and the batch of Cervarix vaccine that was allocated to her school has been quarantined as a "precautionary measure".

Tiz North, chair of the London Regional Council of the British Medical Association, said: "There is a risk with any vaccine but we need to balance that against the risk of cervical cancer. I urge parents not to panic, and to wait for the investigation's results."

Pupils at the Blue Coat Church of England School in Coventry, where Natalie was a pupil, admitted they are scared.

A spokesman for the Department of Health said: "The HPV vaccine has passed rigorous safety testing."

CAPTION(S):

Rare reaction: Natalie Morton had a "rare but extreme" reaction to the Cervarix jab

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