

GP Bulletin

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About this bulletin

To minimise the number of emails sent to practices, the Local Regional Team is using this weekly bulletin as its main method of communicating with practice managers covering the 360 practices in Bristol, Somerset, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. The bulletins contain important information for practice managers, which might include requests for information and deadlines, as well as updates on issues relating to GP contracts.

Copies of the bulletins and attachments are available on our website:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/info-professional/medical/dcis/gp-bulletin/>

If you have any questions or wish to provide feedback, please contact the Primary Care Team:
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Key Deadlines

CQRS declarations for payment in the same month	9 th of each month	Via CQRS
2017/18 eDEC	Over a six week period: from 16 October to 29 November 2017	primary care website: www.primarycare.nhs.uk
Accept Childhood Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Programme 2017/18 and Seasonal Flu Service 2017/18 services	By 9 October 2017	Via CQRS

• Items for all Practices

PCSE October Bulletin

Please find attached the PCSE October Bulletin. In this bulletin, you will find updates on:

- Medical Records
- GP Payments and Pensions
- Supplies
- Performers Lists
- PCSE Online
- National Association of Primary Care (NAPC) conference
- Contacting us

GP electronic annual practice declaration (eDEC) 2017/18–

We would like to thank practices for completing last year's GP electronic Annual Practice Declaration (eDEC) which forms an integral part of the Assurance Management Framework of Primary Medical Services.

The 2017/18 eDEC will be opened for submissions over a six week period: from **Monday 16 October to Wednesday 29 November 2017**. All GP practices are required to submit their eDEC electronically through the primary care website: www.primarycare.nhs.uk as per the Assurance Management Framework of Primary Medical Services Policy and Guidance.

Please find a letter attached.

Pre-entry Health Assessments for UK-Bound Refugees

Please find the guidance to the health protocol literature attached

Measles Cases, Measles Elimination and MMR Vaccination

Please find attached

Please find attached a letter concerning confirmed and probable measles cases reported across Gloucestershire, and more recently further afield including in Bristol and South Gloucestershire, and Poole in Dorset.

Arrangements for children who miss their school flu vaccination session

If parental consent has been obtained for Boots to administer flu vaccination within the school programme, but the child is absent or unwell on the day of their school session they will receive a letter asking them to contact their nearest Boots hub pharmacy to arrange an appointment. For information the list of Boots hub pharmacies in Devon, Plymouth, Bristol and South Gloucestershire is attached to this edition of the GP Bulletin.

Vaccinations in maternity services - (This section relates to Somerset, Devon and Cornwall ONLY)

Why are vaccinations being offered through maternity services?

Historically the uptake of influenza and pertussis vaccinations in pregnant women has been low. In 2016/17 less than 45% of pregnant women were vaccinated against flu. Due to the significant risk posed to pregnant women and their unborn child if they contract influenza the need to increase uptake in this group has been highlighted nationally. Offering vaccination through maternity services increases patient choice and decreases the need for additional appointments in order to access vaccination services. The offer of a vaccination service through maternity providers is increasingly a national expectation as set out in the letter attached to this edition of the GP Bulletin.

Maternity service model

Because maternity services across the South West vary in size and delivery model they are rolling out this programme in different ways. Generally they are prioritising making an offer at antenatal scan appointments initially because these are well attended by the majority of pregnant women. This service should be viewed as an additional offer of vaccination with the intention of increasing access and uptake, particularly targeting harder to reach women, as opposed to a replacement for the existing service offered by practices. All maternity providers in Devon, Cornwall and Somerset are intending to provide a service this year.

The role of General Practice in offering vaccination to pregnant women

The offer of a vaccination through maternity services increases patient choice and does not change the requirements of the enhanced services for the seasonal influenza or pertussis (pregnant women) vaccination programmes. Therefore all pregnant women should still be invited and may choose to receive the service via their GP practice. Maternity services will continue to signpost women to primary care if they have not been able to offer a vaccination or if any woman indicates that would be her preferred provider.

Data recording

When a maternity provider vaccinates a pregnant woman they are, as a minimum, required to send the following information to the practice where the woman is registered within seven days:

- the patient's name, address, date of birth and NHS number
- the date of the administration of the vaccine
- the applicable Read V2, CTV3 or SNOMED CT code
- any adverse reaction to the vaccination and action taken/recommended to manage the adverse reaction
- reason for patient being identified as eligible for vaccination

Practices should enter this information on to their clinical system in order to reduce the risk of double vaccination. Providers are being encouraged collaborate with local practices to maximise the use of electronic and automated methods of updating the GP clinical record.

If there are any further questions regarding the programme please direct them to england.southwestscrim@nhs.net.

GMS contract changes 2017/18

NHS Employers and the British Medical Association's General Practitioners Committee (GPC) have announced changes to the General Medical Services (GMS) contract in England for 2017/18. Please find an attached document - Guidance for GMS contract 2017/18.

The contract for 2017/18 will see an investment of some £238.7 million. The guidance and other useful documents are available on the NHS Employers website (<http://www.nhsemployers.org/your-workforce/primary-care-contacts/general-medical-services/gms-contract-changes/gms-contract-changes-201718>)

General Medical Services contract requirement on routine frailty identification

NHS England has updated guidance for general practices to support implementation of the new frailty requirements in the 2017/18 GP contract. It provides an explanation as to why routine frailty identification is included, what a general practice is required to do, with signposting to further support. In addition to this NHS England, supported by the British Medical Association (BMA) General Practice Committee and NHS Employers, have issued additional [guidance](#) to highlight the requirement to apply clinical judgement to confirm frailty in relation to the introduction of routine frailty identification in the new General Medical Services contract.

- [General Medical Services contract requirement on routine frailty identification](#)
- <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/supporting-routine-frailty-identification-and-frailty-through-the-gp-contract-20172018/>

• Items for Bristol, North Somerset, Somerset and South Gloucestershire Practices only

University of Bristol Student Confirmed Meningococcal Group B.

Public Health England (PHE) is investigating a case of confirmed meningococcal group B disease in a student at the University of Bristol.

All close contacts of the case which includes students resident in the same accommodation block have been followed up and will be given antibiotics as a precaution. PHE are seeking to reassure parents and students that there are no known links to the previous cases associated with St Brendan's Sixth Form College in Bristol.

This case may cause concern and anxiety across the wider student community and GP practices, the ambulance services and A&Es may receive additional calls, as a result of heightened interest following the previous cases.

PHE's priority at this time is that students protect themselves by getting vaccinated for groups ACW and Y. You will be aware that the Men ACWY vaccine for teenagers was introduced in 2015. Since then this has been offered to pupils in Year 9 in schools, with a catch up campaign being rolled out for older pupils (Years 10 – 13) and university 'freshers'. If students are in these age groups and are unsure if they have had the vaccine, we are encouraging them to contact their GP surgery. If a student is eligible for this vaccine and contacts you for advice please could you encourage them to make an appointment to have the vaccine as soon as possible.

There is an on-going campaign to improve Men ACWY vaccination uptake for all eligible young people and your support with this wider campaign is also appreciated. We will shortly be sending GP practices uptake data which will enable them to assess the number of unvaccinated Year 13 students linked to specific surgeries and plan any further call recall required for them.

PHE are also reminding parents and students of the signs and symptoms of meningococcal disease as outlined below.

Meningitis	Septicaemia
• Fever	• Fever
• Vomiting	• Vomiting
• Severe headache	• Bruising rash
• Stiff neck	• Rapid breathing
• Dislike of bright light	• Cold hands and feet
• Joint/muscle/limb pain/ trouble weight bearing	

Please also be aware that in some cases individuals have displayed symptoms similar to those associated with gastroenteritis. If you require further health protection advice or information, please contact PHE's Acute Response Centre on 0300 3038162 Option 1 Option 2 or for advice on any aspect of the MenACWY vaccination programme contact england.southwestscrimms@nhs.net

Questions: Where can I direct people for more general information/support?

Answer: Further information is available from:

- The Meningitis Research Foundation: www.meningitis.org , 0808 800 3344 (9am – 5pm Monday – Friday)
- Meningitis Now: <https://www.meningitisnow.org> , 0808 80 10 388 (9am – 5am Monday – Friday)

If you have any questions please call the Health Protection Team on 0300 303 8162

• **Items for Devon, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Practices only**

Information for GP Practices that submit Cervical Screening Samples to RCHT Truro Laboratory ONLY

As you are no doubt aware the National Sample Acceptance Policy for cervical screening samples was adopted across the South West on 1st September 2017. In the run up to this date we asked ALL GPs and Practices Nurses **WITHOUT** a code to request one from the Screening and Immunisation Team. We would now like to invite any further Cervical Sample Takers working at Plymouth and Cornwall GP Practices to apply for a new code. The new codes are six digits long CXXXXX eg. C01234 and can be used for samples sent to Truro, Taunton and Bristol cytology laboratories. If your current code is not in this format, please can you complete the online form so we can issue a new code. <http://extra.scwcsu.nhs.uk/ScreeningImmunisation/Cervical/main2.htm>

Please note samples with 'Old style' codes will still be accepted by the laboratory until you have received notification of the new code, we inform the laboratory at the same time. We have to make these changes because the database now has a number of practitioners across the South West with the same or similar name, and some samples are being analysed by other laboratories in the South West to improve the turnaround times so we have to be certain of the identification of the sample taker.

New NHS Health Checks marketing campaign in Plymouth

Public Health England (PHE) in partnership with NEW Devon CCG and Plymouth City Council will launch a pilot campaign in Plymouth from October 2017, aimed at increasing uptake of the NHS Health Check among eligible 40–74-year-olds in the city. The advertising will include Facebook posts, websites and local newspapers starting from October. This advertising will stop in December, and will be followed by billboard posters during January 2018. PHE's Behavioural Insights Team is also working to update the leaflet sent out with NHS Health Check invitation letter by GP surgeries in the city.

It is estimated that the campaign will increase uptake of the NHS Health Check offer across Plymouth by between 2% and 4%. PHE will work closely with NEW Devon CCG and Plymouth City Council to avoid stimulating inappropriate demand. The campaign messages will carefully avoid suggesting that, if people haven't had a letter, they should request an NHS Health Check.

GP surgeries within the Western Locality have received a campaign briefing note and those based in Plymouth are being asked to support the campaign by completing a short online survey and providing offer and uptake information on a monthly basis.

Whilst the campaign is targeted at GP surgeries within the Plymouth City Council boundary, nearby GP surgeries should be aware of the campaign as they may have patients who see the campaign within Plymouth.

Please contact Daniel.Preece@Plymouth.gov.uk if you need any further clarification or information.