

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 364 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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 - None

Key Deadlines

NDA submission	between 12 June – 21 July	Via NHS Digital website
The Learning Disabilities 2017/18 service sign-up	by 5th July 2017	Via CQRS

CQRS declarations for payment in the same month	9 th of each month	Via CQRS
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- **Items for all Practices**

Unscheduled (urgent) Dental Care – South West Consultation

The NHSE Dental Team would be grateful of your support in bringing this survey to patients attention through your Notice Boards, Social Media and PPG`s.

Attached is a poster / flyer that practices can display in their waiting areas.

NHS England – South (South West) is reviewing unscheduled dental care services across the South West and would like to hear patients’ views on their experiences of unscheduled dental care, as well as the availability of services and ease of access.

The online survey can be accessed using the following link: -

<https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/survey/548a9d48/>

The survey is live and will be open until 14 August 2017.

Reminder to all GP practices from CQC –

If merging or if partners leave or are added to the practice please remember to update your registration certificates and complete relevant registered manager changes etc.

If problems are encountered the practice should ring 03000 616161 and ask to speak with a registration inspector or manager from the South region.

Serious Case Review (Patient V) (Apologise –the link did not work on last week’s Bulletin)

Following a detailed adult safeguarding review in a local authority area recommendations have been made to ensure all GPs and Pharmacists are reminded to share relevant information in a timely way with social care staff and other agencies as appropriate when vulnerable adults are perceived to be at risk, do not appear to have collected or maintained their requests for repeat prescriptions or appear to not understand their medication requirements. Additional guidance can be found at:

<http://www.gmc->

[uk.org/17_Proposed_endorsement_of_IAMRA s Statement of intent on proactive information sharing.pdf_56297368.pdf](http://www.gmc-uk.org/17_Proposed_endorsement_of_IAMRA_s_Statement_of_intent_on_proactive_information_sharing.pdf_56297368.pdf)

The relevant points in this document are: 10,11, 12-16 and 29.

Updated Pregabalin Guidance

You may recall that in March 2015 NHS England issued guidance which was disseminated to all GPs and community pharmacies on the prescribing and dispensing of a generic drug “Pregabalin”, branded as “Lyrica”.

We took that action because we were instructed to do so by Court Order. That same Court Order anticipated that in the fullness of time the patent over pregabalin would expire and that the published guidance would need to change, so the Court Order contained a document for NHS England to publish in that eventuality. We are now required by Court Order to send the attached to all GP practices, please find attached.

- **Items for Bristol, North Somerset, Somerset and South Gloucestershire Practices only**

None

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

None