

GP Bulletin

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About this bulletin

This bulletin contains important information for practice managers, including 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 –

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/south/dcis-at/professionals/medical/gp-bulletin/>

If you have any questions or wish to provide feedback, please contact the Primary Care Team for Bristol, North Somerset, Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Devon Cornwall and Isles of Scilly by emailing: england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net

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Key Deadlines

DCIOS Directed Enhanced Services Claims	09/02/2015	Submission of DES Claim Forms should be sent to - england.primarycarefinancedcios@nhs.net
BNSSSG Directed Enhanced Services Claims	14/04/2016	

• Items for all Practices

CQRS - Indicators No Longer In QOF (INLIQ) 2015/16 – (formally known as Retired QOF)

You will notice that a new service has been offered via CQRS.

NHS England and General Practitioners Committee (GPC) can confirm that practices will continue to undertake work and code activity as clinically appropriate in relation to those indicators no longer in QOF. Practices are encouraged to facilitate data collection on these indicators. Periodically, NHS England will collect data from practices' clinical systems which will provide statistical information, be processed for audit and publication and will help inform commissioners and practices. It is not intended for performance management purposes. The continuation of the reporting is essential as DH, PHE and other healthcare groups have indicated that the information linked to these indicators are essential for their work and wider healthcare programmes. Not all the indicators that are no longer in QOF will continue to be extracted, only those where it is felt that continued data would be useful. For future years, further retirements would be considered for ongoing collections and the indicators in this collection would also be review to check to appropriateness of continuing to collect the data.

QOF – revised business ruleset (v33)

HSCIC has released the latest business ruleset for QOF available at the following link:

<http://www.hscic.gov.uk/qofbrv33>

Please note that there is a summary document on this page called “Important QOF register v33.0 news” – this clarifies that there have been some mid-year changes to some of the QOF disease registers and the detail of these changes and their impact.

New NHS England action plan to help tackle ‘silent killer’ sepsis

A [new action plan](#) has been published to help support healthcare professionals to recognise and treat sepsis promptly. Earlier this year NHS England brought together Royal Colleges, the UK Sepsis Trust and others to advise on how best to improve the recognition and treatment of sepsis. This new action plan sets out what needs to do be done to drive improvements for patients with sepsis.

BCG Vaccine Shelf Life extension

Please find attached a brief in respect of extending the current shelf life of SSI BCG vaccine batch 114022A for 6 months for your information.

Accessing advice on swabbing if a flu outbreak is suspected

Testing in primary care should in the main be reserved for outbreak investigation in care homes and schools to confirm the causative agent. The health protection teams (HPTs) and laboratories can advise on appropriate swabbing and the swabs that should be used. The teams can be contacted when there is a suspected outbreak to facilitate this.

Your local HPT can be contacted on the numbers provided via this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/health-protection-team>

The guidance on care home outbreak management advises that testing should not delay provision of antivirals if indicated and the HPT can also advise on this.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/330334/Managing_outbreaks_of_acute_respiratory_illness_in_care_homes.pdf

Telephone Scam Reminder

NHS England SSW has received a number of incidents concerning the cold-calling of patients by sales representatives who seem to know the patient's medical history. Some companies allegedly claim to have obtained this information from the patient's GP surgery.

The companies are selling a variety of products, beds, chairs, vitamins and pressurise the customer into buying or agreeing to a sales appointment.

If you hear of such an incident, please do the following:

- Get as much information about the call from the patient as you can.
- Inform us immediately via the Significant Event Audit form to england.devcorn-incidents@nhs.net
- Inform the Action Fraud online service - (and obtain and inform NHS England of the Police incident number)
- Inform the LMC

Action Fraud
National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre
 **0300 123 2040**

Action Fraud is not an emergency service
dial 999 if you are in immediate danger.

We will inform the Head of Primary Care, Commissioning and Contracting on your behalf, as well as the Information Governance Lead and Communications department.

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

Primary Care Foundation Workshops - Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Practices only

Further to our letter of 23 December 2015 regarding the assets associated with the Prime Ministers Challenge Fund and subsequent bulletin item regarding dates of workshops, we now have confirmed venues and wish to invite practices to book onto one of the dates. Places are free, all workshops are 11.30 am-3.30 pm – lunch and refreshments will be provided.

6th April - At-Bristol, Anchor Road, Harbourside, Bristol, BS1 5DB

7th April – Hilton Bristol City Centre, Redcliffe Way, Bristol, BS1 6NJ

12th April - Hilton Bristol City Centre, Redcliffe Way, Bristol, BS1 6NJ

13th April - Best Western Walton Park (Clevedon), Wellington Terrace, Clevedon, Somerset, BS21 7BL

Further information and an outline agenda will follow in March. We will be looking to identify who will be responsible for maintaining and developing assets associated with the programme (such as IT infrastructure) to ensure the continued benefit of the local healthcare community. We will be considering this in the broader context of transformation and sustainability of the local primary care system and ensuring that we gain as much consensus as possible across the GP community. We want to make sure that the programme legacy serves your needs well.

Please confirm which workshop date you wish to attend by replying to this email address - england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net (please confirm your practice name and how many places you/your practice want). For those of you who have already responded with interest with a specific date, if you have changed your mind please let us know otherwise we will keep these place(s) for you.

BCG vaccination – Bristol and South Gloucester Practices only

For your information see attached revised Bristol area BCG pathway (**and BCG catch up referral form for Health visitor/GP use**) which is now updated on the Bristol community Health website: <http://briscomhealth.org.uk/our-services/tuberculosis-tb-nurse-service/>

Essentially, the revised pathway captures the recent change in delivery model from BCG given on maternity wards to a model of outpatient delivery with community providers vaccinating ‘movers in’ to the Bristol area. This development was as a result of the need to make more efficient use of the BCG vaccine.

In summary:

Babies born at St Michaels – will be called to a BCG clinic at the Children’s hospital. (There is currently an extensive waiting list - but there are plans in place to address this with extra clinics)

Babies born at Southmead – will be called to a BCG clinic at Southmead. No wait list.

Movers in to Bristol area – Health Visitors/GPs refer to Lawrence Hill or Wellsprings practices (as per attached pathway and referral form)

BCG READ CODES:

- Requires a BCG vaccination: 65WD
- BCG vaccination: 653-1

Please also see below **updated** TB by country rates (2014) to assess BCG eligibility

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tuberculosis-tb-by-country-rates-per-100000-people>

SPQS Evaluation Survey – Somerset Practices only

Somerset CCG has sent out a request for SPQS practices to take part in a brief evaluation survey, it would be really helpful if all practices taking part in SPQS could complete this. If you have any queries about the survey then please contact Jane Horrell on 01752 764259 or by email on: jane.horrell@plymouth.ac.uk

GP event held on 26th January 2016 at The Bristol Golf Club – Bristol Practices

Many thanks to those colleagues who were able to join us on Tuesday. I have received much positive feedback and I hope you found it helpful to start and in many cases continue previous conversations around different ways of working. Please find attached the slide deck used on the day. *Marina Muirhead, Interim Head of Primary Care*

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

NICE Suspected Cancer Guidelines Event – Plymouth Practices only

The postgraduate Centre at Derriford Hospital will be hosting an event on Tuesday 23 February for GPs and secondary care specialist to discuss the impact of the new NICE cancer guidance.

Macmillan GPs, Plymouth Hospitals and NEW Devon CCG will lead the session, running 6.30pm - 9.30 pm. It will involve small group discussions with specialists from all the major tumour sites in a ‘speed dating’ format.

To book your places please go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gp-cancer-education-evening-tickets-19963887525>

For more information or if you have any questions, please email jemma.cooper@nhs.net