

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

Acceptance of QOF 2016/17	24/03/2016	Via CQRS
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DCIOS Directed Enhanced Services Claims	08/04/2016	Submission of DES Claim Forms should be sent to - england.primarycarefinancedcios@nhs.net
BNSSSG Directed Enhanced Services Claims	14/04/2016	
Offer online access to detailed information from the GP record	31/03/2016	The EMIS and TPP (SystemOne) systems are already approved for use and INPS and Microtest plan to have systems available in February 2016

- **Items for all Practices**

Bowel Cancer Awareness Month: April

Regular bowel cancer screening has been shown to reduce the risk of dying from bowel cancer by 16%. Uptake across the area varies greatly.

Bowel Cancer Awareness month – April – is a good opportunity to promote the importance of screening.

Cancer Research UK produce free promotional materials that can be ordered or downloaded: http://publications.cancerresearchuk.org/cancertype/bowel?filter_action=3&filter_value=1

Measles in a sixth form college in Taunton

Two cases of suspected measles have been reported in students who attend Richard Huish College in Taunton. One of these is a close contact of a confirmed case and so the diagnosis is very likely. The college has circulated information to students and parents.

Suspected cases should be notified to the Health Protection Team (HPT) on 0330 303 8162 and a salivary swab will then be sent to the case for confirmation. The HPT can advise on the management of high risk contacts (those who are immunocompromised or pregnant and infants under the age of 12 months).

Students and staff at the College have been advised to check that they are up to date with MMR immunisation and to contact their GP surgery to discuss immunisation.

Notifications of infectious disease: importance of onset date and occupation/school details

Please could clinical onset dates be entered for notifiable conditions such as pertussis and scarlet fever. In addition, work/school/nursery contexts help to inform our public health actions. There is a section for both of these on the clinical notification form which is sent to us.

This will save clinical GP time as we won't need to contact you separately for this information.

For more information please contact the South West Public Health England Health Protection Team on 0300 303 8162.

Dr Robert Varnam's slide deck presentation

Please find attached a slide deck that Dr Robert Varnam (Head of General Practice Development) at NHS England presented to some Bristol GP Practices last week and this may prove useful for other Practices.

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