

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	08/04/2016	Submission of DES Claim Forms should be sent to - england.primarycarefinancedcios@nhs.net
BNSSSG Directed Enhanced Services Claims	14/04/2016	

General Practice workforce census collection	01/04/2016 – 27/04/2016	Submission of data via the Primary Care Webtool: https://www.primarycare.nhs.uk/
Completion of Avoiding Unplanned Admissions template	29/04/2016	Template form issued with GP Bulletin 152 – 24 th March 2016 to be completed and returned to england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net

• Items for all Practices

General Practice workforce Minimum Data Set collection (wMDS)

The General Practice workforce Minimum Data Set collection (wMDS) is now open for submission via the Primary Care Webtool; <https://www.primarycare.nhs.uk/>

The census date is 30th March 2016 and the data can be submitted between 1st April and 27th April 2016. Please see attached HSCIC information.

Avoiding Unplanned Admission Reporting Template – Section 5

Further to the reminder in the bulletin last week, for Section 5 about the Patient Survey, we have not received any national guidance on this topic, therefore, please answer ‘No’.

Completed reports should be sent to england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net, the reports will then be collated and shared with the appropriate CCGs.

Junior Doctors’ Industrial Action

Two more periods of industrial action are planned by junior doctors across the NHS:

1. Limited action from 8 am on Wednesday 6 April until 8 am on Friday 8 April (emergency cover not affected)
2. Full withdrawal of labour from 8 am to 5 pm on both Tuesday 26 April and Wednesday 27 April

The second period of action extends to emergency cover for the first time, so will put additional strain on local services at all levels.

It is important that non-essential commitments are re-arranged if at all possible to avoid clashing with either period of action, to maximise our ability to cope with patient demand. This might mean:

- Planned training or clinical governance days
- Commissioner or practice business meetings
- Other events that would reduce capacity at surgeries

CCGs and providers are being asked to take the same approach, so we can take steps across the system. Thank you for your continued help at this difficult time.

Update on vaccinations for patients with coeliac disease

Patients with splenic dysfunction should receive additional vaccinations opportunistically in line with the Green Book. Some patients with coeliac disease may have splenic dysfunction and should be vaccinated accordingly. Vaccination of all patients with coeliac disease is not recommended. Patients with coeliac disease should only receive additional vaccinations if a secondary care specialise has evidence or concerns about the patients functional integrity of the spleen. Routine testing splenic function or all patients with coeliac disease is not recommended, but where evidence/concerns are raised as part of the specialists overall management of the patient additional vaccinations should be given in line with the Green Book. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused and have fed back to the national team the disruption that this changing information has caused.

Immunisation schedule changes

Attached is a checklist and presentation to support changes to vaccination session at 12 months which are due to take place in May 2016.

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

Primary Care Foundation Workshops

Please see attached agenda regarding the Primary Care Foundation Workshops due to be held on the following dates:

- **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

The timings of the events have been adjusted slightly following feedback from a number of GPs through the LMC (details in the agenda).

If you are interested in attending, 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).

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

Securing Excellence in GP IT – Project update – NEW Devon Practices only

It's been a year since Delt and the CCG set out to meet all of the technical objectives as set out in the NHS England [Securing Excellence in GP IT Services](#). We are very to confirm that the works have

been completed and that your ICT now meets the NHS technical and service requirements. It has been a very busy year for us - We have upgraded over 2200 desktops with Windows 7, replaced 800 desktops and installed 58 new practice servers. Security has been tightened and we have improved our monitoring and control across all practices. Thank you and your colleagues for your assistance.

Looking forward to the next twelve months, Delt will be handling your ICT Service Desk calls from June onwards so we will be able to solve more of your issues and requests at first point of contact (currently only 20% of your calls are solved over the phone when you call the IT Service Desk our ambition is to improve this to 50% in the first year). In the summer we will start migrating practices to the new GP Domain we have created. More details on both of these initiatives will follow in future Bulletins, but please contact James Llewelyn if you would like any more information concerning this work - GPITProgramme@deltservices.co.uk

ICT Transformation Fund bids – NEW Devon Practices only

NHS England is encouraging CCGs to put in bids to the Primary Care Transformation Fund for technology that will 'support the development of primary care at scale and integrated working practices; for example to support integrated care models and record sharing'. These need to be closely aligned with the Digital Roadmaps all CCGs are currently developing.

NEW Devon is currently planning to submit a bid to enable or improve the following on behalf of all Practices:

- Access at the Point of Care for GPs – equipping Practices with mobile technology to allow GPs to access their clinical systems when out of the consulting room
- Electronic Ordering of Investigations and receipt of Results for Pathology and Radiology.
- Digital Clinical Correspondence – Discharge Summaries, Clinic letters etc.

If you are planning any particular service changes or new ways of working that these have a specific impact on or will be enabled by, particularly Access at the Point of Care, please contact Jim Goodwin (jim.goodwin@nhs.net) so we can ensure we capture any specific requirements and benefits in the bid.