

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.

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<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
QOF Subset Dementia 2016/17	05/05/2016	Mandatory data collection – please accept the service offer on CQRS

• Items for all Practices

QOF 2015/16: The Plan for Settling Achievement

Now that we have passed 31st March, Achievement Day, we have received several queries from practices about how the process for settling QOF 2015/16 achievement and timetable. Firstly can we reassure you that there is no rush to complete this work, especially as there have been approximately 4% of practices nationally whose data was not successfully extracted in the first data extraction. The second extraction run will take place between 10th and 12th April.

Practices are asked to check your QOF Achievement on CQRS and if it is all correct you can then declare achievement for payment. If any indicator is not showing the correct value, you will need to email us on our generic account: england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net indicating which practice you are, what indicator is incorrect and give us the correct figures, usually the numerator and the denominator, so that we can make the manual adjustment on your behalf.

We plan to undertake the commissioning approval of QOF 2015/16 Achievement from Monday 18th April onwards, which will mean that most practices will receive their settlement payment in May well before the SFE date of end of June.

QORS Service Offer - QOF Subset Dementia 2016/17

All Practices have now been offered the QOF Subset Dementia 2016/17 service on CQRS. As with last year, this is a mandatory data collection and Practices are required to accept the service offer on CQRS by no later than **Thursday 5 May 2016**, in order to ensure compliance. Acceptance of the offer confirms that, as the data controller, the Practice is aware of the automated collection of this data.

Further information about the data collection, please follow this link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/510396/DPN_Recorded_Dementia_Diagnoses_2016-17.pdf

To accept the service ([CQRS User Guide](#)):

- go to the Participation Management tab
- ensure the financial year is set to 2016/17
- select the checkbox in the first column next to 'QOF Subset Dementia 2016/17'
- click 'Accept Service'
- click 'Yes' to the message 'Are you sure you want to Accept the selected service(s)?'
- you will then see a message confirming that you have accepted the offer and are participating in collections for this service

Please note, you may also need to respond to further messages in the General Practice Extraction Service (GPES) system.

If you have rejected this service offer by mistake, please contact the CQRS Helpdesk who will be able to arrange for the service to be re-offered to the Practice.

Rent Reimbursement Form

Please find attached a Rent Claim Reimbursement form for 2016/17.

Clinical Waste Reimbursement Form

Please find attached a Clinical Waste Reimbursement form for 2016/17.

The GP Induction & Refresher Scheme (I&R)

Are you aware of any one looking to join or return to the NHS in England as a GP?

Whether they have NHS experience or not, the I&R Scheme is designed to provide a safe, supported and direct route for qualified GPs to join or return to the NHS as general practitioners.

The scheme will be tailored around the individual and provides:

- an individual learning needs assessment;
- support from local leads throughout
- a designated supervisor
- placement which can be flexible around your personal commitments.

For more information, contact Martyn Hewett and Chris Cuff at Health Education England (HEE):

Martyn.Hewett@southwest.hee.nhs.uk

Christopher.Cuff@southwest.hee.nhs.uk

A link to the I&R scheme is [here](#)

CD Vigilance Newsletter from CQC

Please find below a link to the CD Vigilance Newsletter from the CQC which highlights issues identified with CDs which you may find helpful. We would support learning from any incident and this newsletter is a good example of sharing this learning between organisations.

http://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/20151124_controlled_drugs_national_group_vigilance_v1_no1.pdf

PHE Vaccine Update

Please find attached the new edition of the Vaccine Update. Please note that it includes the most recent Routine Immunisation Schedule Poster from Spring 2016.

Vaccination of children with unknown or incomplete immunisation status

For a variety of reasons, some children may not have been immunised or their immunisation history may be unknown. If children coming to the UK are not known to have been completely immunised, they should be assumed to be unimmunised and a full course of immunisations should be planned.

Where a child born in the UK presents with an inadequate immunisation history, every effort should be made to clarify what immunisations they may have had. A child who has not completed the routine childhood programme should have the outstanding doses as described in the relevant chapters of The Green Book.

Following each immunisation all of the child's clinical records need to be updated with the relevant details, including the Personal Child Health Record (Red Book) and importantly the record on the Child Health Information System (CHIS).

Please refer to the most recent Vaccination of Individuals with Uncertain or Incomplete Immunisation Status Algorithm.

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

REVISED TIMES for next week's Primary Care Foundation Workshops

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

- **12th April** - Hilton Bristol City Centre, Redcliffe Way, Bristol, BS1 6NJ **(12.30 – 16.30)**
- **13th April** - Best Western Walton Park (Clevedon), Wellington Terrace, Clevedon, Somerset, BS21 7BL **(11.30 – 15.30)**

The timings of these events have been adjusted again following further feedback.

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).

- **Item for Somerset, Devon, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Practices only**
Free Quality Assured Immunisation Training

The Royal College of Nursing guidance states that practitioners should be trained to deliver immunisations in accordance with the national standards for immunisation training (a minimum 2 day initial core training syllabus with annual updates).

The Screening and Immunisation Team, Public Health England, is pleased to be able to fund additional immunisation training events locally. To ensure that all immunisers are up to date with their training, staff who have never received immunisation training will be prioritised to attend these free training events.

To ensure that we make the best of this opportunity we would be grateful if you would take a couple of minutes **to complete this very brief online survey by Friday 22nd April.** (Practices will also receive an email with the link to the survey). This information will ensure that we have a clear picture of your practices immunisation training needs and will help providers to book local venues in response to the demand.

Please select the link below:

<https://surveys.phe.org.uk/TakeSurvey.aspx?PageNumber=1&SurveyID=I22J6m51&Preview=true#>

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

Message for Dispensing Practices in Devon and Cornwall who participated in the 2015/2016 Dispensary Services Quality Scheme

We have been advised that the 2015/2016 DSQS payment to practices in Devon and Cornwall was not made in March and will now be included in the April 2016 contract payment. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. If you have any queries regarding DSQS please email

england.pharmacysouthwest@nhs.net

Update on PHT neuro-spinal service referral restrictions

Subject to final sign-off with NHS Improvement, NHS England is working with Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust (PHT) towards an anticipated list closure from Monday 18 April 2016. This will enable PHT to close its waiting list for a year to new patients who need assessment and surgery for complex spinal conditions.

Full detail of the changes in access criteria are set out in the attached guidance, but in summary:

- Patients already waiting for an out-patient appointment or for routine surgery will continue to be treated at Derriford
- Emergency referrals for patients from across the South West will continue to be accepted at Derriford
- An alternative provider, Ramsay Health Care, has been secured to accept newly-referred patients
- Out-patient appointments and minor procedures will be done locally and patients will be seen in the Plymouth area or in Truro
- For patients subsequently needing a surgical intervention, at the present time this will be undertaken at New Hall in Salisbury. Help with travel costs will be in line with local CCG policy.
- NHSE is working with the provider to have surgery carried out more locally, in Devon and Cornwall

Where a patient is not eligible for referral into the neuro-spinal service, they will require further guidance from their GP.

The purpose of the service restriction is to enable PHT to bring down its waiting list, which has grown due to a build-up of demand. A review has also been commissioned by NHS England in the South West of the pathway for complex spinal conditions. This is designed to identify why the surgical backlog has built up and how patients should be managed in future.

Please see the attached file, which includes detailed guidance within:

Appendix 1: PHT Spinal Service - Revised Referral Criteria

Appendix 2: DDRS Triage Process

Appendix 3: RMS Triage Process

If you have any queries or require any further information, please contact Amanda Cooper, Specialised Commissioning – NHS England South – Email: amanda.cooper20@nhs.net