

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

Directed Enhanced Services Claims	10/5/2016	Submission of DES Claim Forms should be sent to – england.pcfinesw@nhs.net
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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**

Enhanced Services Sign Up Form and New Enhanced Services Claim forms

Now that we are in the new financial period, we have attached a new enhanced services sign-up form for each practice to complete and return to the generic email account by Friday 13th May to: england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net

The form is in excel and it is important to select your CCG first, this will enable the form to be completed. Once we have received your forms we will then produce a contract variation to formally confirm the enhanced services you are providing for NHS England. The team will be offering a number of these services to you on CQRS in the next week or so please look out for these.

Two new claim forms are also attached, for those services not on CQRS. We have been working with the finance team on a new claim forms. There is one form for practices to use in all CCGs except Somerset CCG which has a different arrangement for Minor Surgery historically with the CCG and so there is a separate form to collect that data. We have worked very hard to reduce the number of forms in use from seven to two, to help both you and us process them promptly and efficiently.

Please note that this is a claim form and so payment will be dependent on claiming for the work undertaken for each period. It is very important that you complete all the details at the top of the form as this speeds up processing and payment.

It should also be noted that some of the enhanced services which had previously been commissioned by NHS are now commissioned by your local authority and so are not included on the claim forms.

New email address for the Finance Team

The finance team have closed the separate BNSSSG & DCIOS finance email addresses (england.bnsssg-finance@nhs.net and primarycarefinanceDCIOS@nhs.net and created a new email address to combined the South West area (england.pcfincesw@nhs.net).

An out of office message has been created to assist providers in directing their claim or query to the most appropriate email address.

In summary, Claim forms should be sent to:

Clinical Waste: england.premises.clinicalwaste@nhs.net

Enhanced Services: england.pcfincesw@nhs.net

GP Retainer: england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net

Rates: england.premises.rates@nhs.net

Rent: england.premises.rent@nhs.net

Queries:

CQRS: england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net

General finance queries: england.pcfincesw@nhs.net Please review your Open Exeter statements before sending a finance query as you may be able to answer your own query.

Workforce Minimum Dataset Collection

To date only 50% of practices have submitted their census information.

The deadline for outstanding submissions is Wednesday, 27th April at 12 noon.

This is a reminder for practices that in order to submit the data you will need to be registered to use www.primarycare.nhs.uk and after registering obtain access to WMDS by notifying HSCIC at enquiries@hscic.gov.uk with a request to obtain access to complete the practice workforce census.

PGD for MMR Vaccine

The new PHE PGD for MMR has now been signed off and is ready for use -

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2016/04/sw-pgd-mmr-lv-vaccn-apr16.pdf>

Increase in invasive disease caused by Group A Streptococcus (IGAS)

Public Health England is continuing to see high levels of scarlet fever across England, with well over 10,000 cases diagnosed this season alone. Likewise, an (GAS) – is currently being seen, with cases of serious illness and death reported in the South-West.

This year GAS seasonal activity coincides with the seasonal influenza activity owing to the late flu season. Influenza and invasive GAS co-infection is a rare but well-recognised occurrence.

Whilst the elderly remain most at risk of invasive GAS infection, increased levels of disease compared to last year have been seen in young adults and children less than 5 years old, the age groups most affected by influenza in recent weeks. There's no suggestion of an increase in invasive GAS infection in patients diagnosed with scarlet fever.

GAS bacteria are spread by direct person-to-person contact with an individual carrying the bacteria or indirectly through contact with bacteria in the environment. Keeping wounds clean and practising hand hygiene can decrease chances of catching a GAS infection.

Although most GAS infections are relatively mild illnesses such as "strep throat," or a skin infection such as impetigo, we would urge primary care colleagues to be aware of the early signs and symptoms of invasive group A streptococcal disease including:

- High Fever
- Severe muscle aches
- Localised muscle tenderness
- Redness at the site of a wound

For further information on Group A streptococcal infections please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/group-a-streptococcal-infections-guidance-and-data>

An Opportunity to become a Medical Appraiser NHS England South, Southwest

Have you ever thought about becoming a Medical Appraiser in the South West of England – covering Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, Bristol, North Somerset, Somerset and South Gloucestershire? Now is your chance.

We would like to recruit new members to our team and would welcome applications for this position. We are particularly interested in hearing from those able to cover the Cornwall, Somerset and Bristol areas, but also have vacancies in other areas.

Working as a Medical Appraiser offers a well-paid, interesting and a fulfilling role that will augment any portfolio. Appraisers work within geographic locality areas and are supported by one of 12 senior appraisers.

The role of Medical Appraiser is to appraise General Practitioners in accordance with NHS England Medical Appraisal Policy, specifically:

- To carry out appraisals in accordance with GMC requirements, and RCGP guidance
- To ensure that the appraisal covers the whole scope of doctors' practice
- To review progress against the previous years' PDP and agree with the doctor the current year's PDP
- To ensure that each appraisal summary provides adequate information for the Responsible Officer to make appropriate recommendations regarding revalidation

Once we have received and shortlisted the applications, we plan to hold the interviews in Bristol, Saltash and Taunton over three days in late June and early July. (Kindly note that page 4 of the application form has a 'free text' section for you to inform us of your availability during this period).

If you are successful at interview, and following completion of a two day training course which will be run in October 2016, this position would commence in November/December with a few supported appraisals. Annual commitment would be for between 8 and 20 appraisals per year starting in April 2017.

Appraisers are currently paid £500 for each appraisal (plus superannuation if relevant) and have an annual contract for services. Additional training, support and feedback are provided.

The NHS England Medical Appraisal Policy can be accessed at:

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/revalidation/appraisers/app-pol/>

If you are interested in applying for these roles, please contact the Appraisals Team via email at:

england.gpappraisalsw@nhs.net for an application pack.

If you would like more information or to talk things over, the clinical Lead Appraisers listed below would be delighted to hear from you.

Jill.Millar@nhs.net Peter.Saunders2@nhs.net P.Wood2@nhs.net (Pete Wood)

Completed applications should be returned to England.gpappraisalsw@nhs.net by the closing date of Monday 23rd May 2016.

- **Items for Bristol, North Somerset, Somerset and South Gloucestershire Practices only**
- **Items for Devon, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Practices only**

Update on PHT neuro-spinal service referral restrictions

Further to the item in Bulletin 154 on 8th April 2016, please find attached a further update regarding the PHT neuro-spinal service referral restrictions.