

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

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
Directed Enhanced Services Claims	10/05/2016	Submission of DES Claim Forms should be sent to – england.pcfinaancesw@nhs.net
Completion of Extended Hours form	27/05/2016	Submission via email to - england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net

• Items for all Practices

Updated GP Retainer Form

Apologies, it seems there was an error in the GP Retainer claim form issued with GP Bulletin 155 on 15th April 2016 - please find attached an updated version.

Premises

Practices are submitting copies of Direct Debit payments as evidence of claims for eg Water. NHS England require practices to submit copies of invoices with their claims and cannot pay against Direct Debits. NHS England is happy to pay the invoice in full, even if the practices are paying via a Direct Debit.

Provision of primary care blood collection tubes and associated consumables

‘PCS England has suggested that practices can check with them directly to see if specific items are in stock. Please contact PCS England on 0333 0142884 so they can check to see if GP’s are registered on the Portal or for any other enquiries.’

Settling Achievement of Avoiding Unplanned Admissions DES 2015/16

We would like to thank all the practices who have already sent us the completed report for this service to our generic email account and would ask that any practice that has not yet sent it in, do so. We have also received numerous emails from concerned practices about the data extraction and incorrect data on CQRS for this service. We are aware that there are issues with the year-end extraction, similar to the 30th September extraction and we have been advised to wait before dealing with the queries, until a national position has been established. Work is being undertaken at a national level and we hope to have a clear direction about how we should manage the settlement of your claims, by the end of next week, hopefully. Please be patient we us and this situation, we do want to deal fairly, and equitably with all practices participating in this service.

Extended Hours DES 2016/17

An important action for all practices wishing to provide the Extended hours DES for 2016/17. Please find attached a form to confirm your extended hours provision for this year and return it to our email account: england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net by 27th May 2016.

It is important that **all** practices providing this service return the forms fully completed so that we have a comprehensive record of provision. So even if there is no change, please confirm that via the form. The service allows for some flexibility so please check the details and let us know of what you plan to deliver this year to improve access to your services for your patients.

Friends and Family Test Data Submission dates

Please find attached submission dates for 2016.

Changes to the MenC Vaccination Programme

Please find attached information regarding changes to the infant dose of the MenC vaccine from 1st July 2016.

Cervical Screening – supporting information pack to defer women from cervical screening

Find below a link for the new South-South West Cervical Screening supporting information pack for health professionals who are working with women who have a reduced capacity to make their own decision around cervical screening. The pack contains new forms to use when requesting a postponement for women as well as other useful resources. Contact details are contained within the pack.

Although the link directs you to the Cornwall Practice Nurses pages, the information pack is relevant for all practices across NHS England South – South West (this is until the Screening and Immunisation Team are able to set up their own site). Please download the pack onto a desktop so that information is easy to access when required. <http://devoncornwallpn.co.uk/cervical-cytology/>

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

None

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

Arranging Translation and Interpretation – Devon and Cornwall Practices only

This is just a reminder that interpretation and translation services are available for practices. These are paid for by NHS England, but require an ID code to access.

Details are available on the website:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/info-professional/dcis-prof/medical/>

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