

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	10/05/2016	Submission of DES Claim Forms should be sent to – england.pcfinesw@nhs.net
Completion of Extended Hours form	27/05/2016	Template form issued with GP Bulletin 157 – 29 th April 2016 to be completed and returned to england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net

- **Items for all Practices**

Rent payments - Urgent

We are aware that some practices have not received Notional or Cost rent monthly payments. This is due to previous miscoding of these items within NHS England records. If practices have **not** already notified these omissions to NHS England please contact england.premises.rent@nhs.net who will advise finance so that the payments are made as quickly as possible. For those on actual rent please see below.

We would also like to remind practices that invoices for **rates reimbursement** and **actual rent** (i.e. not notional or cost rent) need to be submitted to support claims – the bulletin of 8 April includes the relevant claim form. Please note it is not necessary for these invoices to have been paid when the claim is made.

Sepsis in children: update for general practice

The attached update has been collated by NHS England for GPs, practice nurses and other health professionals within primary care. We will be refreshing this information in line with significant developments.

Help us support sustainable change in primary care across the South West

NHS England South West is working closely with local CCG's and other partner organisations to help GP practices in our region to work towards a sustainable future. We are now seeking a number of experienced project and change managers to support the projects already in the programme and to encourage others to get involved in developing a sustainable model for general practice across our diverse geography. All appointments will be on a 1 year fixed term basis in the first instance. Applications are invited from people working as **freelance contractors (maximum £300 per day rate inclusive of expenses will be considered), or for secondments/fixed term appointments at NHS Band 7/8a**

NHS England Project Management Office:

We have already appointed an experienced contractor as our Project Lead and are now looking for a full or significant part time (25 hours plus) experienced **project manager** to deal with the day to day operational running of the programme and to co-ordinate the work and support the locally based change managers (job role specification attached). The post can be based in any of the NHSE offices but Taunton would be preferred due to the South West wide responsibilities of the role.

We are also seeking a **NHS band 4/5 administrative assistant** to support the work of the PMO – this post will need to be based in the same office as the project manager post advertised above

For further information or an informal discussion please contact Marina Muirhead Head of Primary Care marinamuirhead@nhs.net or tel. 07894 948344 or Pam Smith Project Lead pam.smith3@nhs.net or tel. 07990041494

Locally based Change Managers:

Change managers hosted by local partner organisations are being appointed in each CCG area and will be advertised locally. Candidates interested in those roles are welcome to make contact with host organisations, CCG Primary Care Leads or Pam Smith (contact details above)

Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire CCG's – 1.4 wte change managers - host organisation One Care Consortium ruth.taylor@onecareconsortium.co.uk or contact CCG Primary Care leads (Bristol – Jo White Jo.White@bristolccg.nhs.uk , North Somerset - Debbie Campbell Debbie.Campbell@northsomersetccg.nhs.uk or S Glos - Mel Green melanie.green@southgloucestershireccg.nhs.uk

Somerset CCG – appointment already made

NEW Devon CCG – 1 wte change manager recruitment via this advertisement host organisation Devon LMC Angela Edmunds Angela.Edmunds@devonlmc.org or James Short CCG Primary Care Lead james.short@nhs.net

South Devon and Torbay CCG – 0.4 wte change manager likely to be linked into a full-time appointment hosted by Haytor Health Alison.brewer@nhs.net or Mark Proctor Director of Corporate Affairs mark.procter@nhs.net

Kernow CCG – 0.6 wte change manager host Kernow CIC (post already advertised) p.stokes@nhs.net or Paula Bland Head of Locality Support paula.bland@nhs.net

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

Important changes to immunisation scheduling

Please see attached information regarding new contact details for BNSSSG practices for immunisation scheduling.

- **Item for Devon, Cornwall and Somerset Practices**

Cluster of cases of acute Hepatitis B in the South-West

From 2012 to date a cluster of cases of acute hepatitis B has been seen across the South-West among predominately middle-aged men of white British Ethnicity. The majority of cases have declared no risk factors but a few have reported being men who have sex with men (MSM). The majority of cases have been confirmed as genotype A2 (“prisoner variant”). First described in prisoners in the early 1990s, this variant is commonly associated with transmission among MSM. Furthermore phylogenetic analysis has suggested a transmission network between these cases; it is therefore highly likely that this hepatitis B cluster represent sentinel cases among multiple,

heterogeneous sexual networks who meet via social media sites, clubs or cruising sites for anonymous sex.

The majority of cases seen do not state that they are MSM and represent a hard to reach population who may not consider themselves at risk of blood borne viruses.

We would like to remind you that those who change sexual partners frequently, including MSM and male and female commercial sex workers, represent a risk group that should be considered

for Hep B vaccination. For pre-exposure prophylaxis in most adult risk groups, an accelerated schedule should be used, with vaccine given at zero, one and two months, with an additional dose at 12-months providing further protection. An alternative schedule at zero, one and six months should only be used where rapid protection is not required and there is a high likelihood of compliance. Furthermore close family contacts of a case or individual with hepatitis B infection should be considered for vaccination.

Further information is available in the Green Book:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hepatitis-b-the-green-book-chapter-18>

All cases of acute hepatitis B should be notified to Public Health England Health (PHE) Protection Team and it is also recommended that they are referred to local GUM services. Some people may be reticent to attend GUM services, an alternative is to refer or direct them to the services of the Eddystone Trust. The Eddystone Trust (<http://www.eddystone.org.uk/>) provide a range of services including urgent advice and point of care testing for HIV and syphilis; referrals can be made by calling 0800 328 3508 or via info@eddystone.org.uk

For further information regarding Hepatitis B please contact PHE on 0300 303 8162 opt 1 opt 1. For any further questions or information regarding this cluster please contact Dr Nick Young CCDC on nick.young@phe.gov.uk or the number above.

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

Healthcare professional incident reporting for NHS 111 cases

Please find attached a letter regarding the reporting of NHS 111 calls handled by SWAST incidents.

ICT Service Desk transfer - NEW Devon CCG Practices only

The ICT Service Desk for Primary Care will be transferring from HSCIC Pynes Hill to Delt on the evening of Tuesday 31st May 2016.

We want you to experience a seamless transfer of service from the 1st June. Please continue to telephone the existing 0845 120 6286 number as this will not change. Your calls will be answered by Delt Service Desk staff who will be able to help with many of your faults and requests. Any they cannot resolve they will pass your call onto your existing local GPIT engineers as the Pynes Hill

Service Desk does presently. For more information, please contact James Llewelyn, Delt ICT Project Manager – GPITprogramme@deltservices.co.uk