

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	10/08/2016	Submission of DES Claim Forms should be sent to – england.pcfincesw@nhs.net
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Items for all Practices

National Diabetes Priorities-links to the CCG Improvement and Assessment Framework and National Diabetes Audit-

Please find attached 2 documents (National Diabetes Priorities-links & NDA Flow chart)

HPV Primary Screening for Cervical Screening Programme

Public Health England is delighted that Public Health Minister Jane Ellison has announced that HPV primary screening will be implemented into the English cervical screening programme. The implementation of HPV primary screening is a significant change and requires all aspects of the programme to be considered. Now that the announcement has been made, we will be able to press on with more detailed planning with our NHS England colleagues. It is intended that the implementation of HPV primary screening will be a phased approach and could take up to 2019.

Some Practices in the South West have already been involved with the HPV primary screening pilot and this will continue during the roll out. At this time we have no further details of the time scale or how the programme will be rolled out locally. A well-established National HPV primary screening implementation group with a programme of work already underway to address the challenges of implementation. The group has extensive stakeholder representation from professionals in all parts of the cervical screening programme, HPV primary screening pilot sites, NHS England, Department of Health and the charities that support the programme. We are working very closely with colleagues in NHS England who will commission the new service.

If you have any questions regarding the current cervical screening programme or future developments please contact the Screening and Immunisation Team england.bnsssg.screening@nhs.net

How to protect themselves against the sun campaign

Between 18th July and 29th August 2016, NHS England will be promoting advice to the public on how to protect themselves against the sun. We would be very grateful if you could help us publicise this with your patients by downloading the posters [here](#) and displaying it in your buildings. The target audience is outdoor workers, particularly men, because research shows that men are at particular risk of skin cancer as they are less likely to use sunscreen, and the risk to outdoor workers is increased as they spend longer in the sun.

To ALL Practices in lease hold premises

Thank you to those practices who have sent in their details of lease hold premises. However we are still waiting on some practices to respond.

It would be extremely helpful to understand the nature of current commitments of Practices in leasehold properties i.e. how long those leases have still to run and whether there are any break

clauses. This information will be used as part of the overall review of Estates strategies for increasing access to Primary Care.

Please could you provide the following information:

- Landlord
- Landlord's Address
- Lease commencement date
- Lease Expiry date
- Any break clauses
- Date of next break opportunity

Please could you confirm these details to Penny.rye@nhs.net by Friday, 22 July 2016:

Continuing shortage in monovalent paediatric hepatitis B vaccine

Please find attached further information on a shortage in monovalent paediatric hepatitis B vaccine, from May 2016. This remains ongoing and stock is limited by GSK, with Postexposure Prophylaxis and the infant programme being the priority. Infant supply is affected but no issues with adult doses and these can be used for children.

The following update has been received from GSK.

- At the moment any requests above maximum order quantities (MOQ) triggers a statement to explain to customers that we have stock issues with Engerix Paediatric, and we are prioritising post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) in babies. If the health care professional (HCP) informs us that the additional doses are indeed for PEP, or that they have another urgent need for the vaccine, then the request goes to a member of our medical team. We will then release the vaccine: always for PEP in babies, and using our best judgment and the Green Book for other instances
- We do not have a proactive communication out to GPs, or pharmacists, but we have a statement on the webpage where the vaccines are ordered to inform of the supply constraints; a similar statement is on the Nathnac and Travax webpages.

Please find attached further information

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

None

Items for Devon, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Practices only

Colorectal Cancer study evening for GPs

A speed dating evening with a difference - Monday 3rd October at 18.30 Derriford Hospital's Post Graduate Medical Centre.

Please find attached poster with information.

Sentinel - queries from patients regarding Vasectomy results

Sentinel advise, that they have received a number of queries from patients regarding Vasectomy results and would like to confirm the following:

The testing regime for results has recently changed and they are managing that process with the CCG. Sentinel appreciate that practices will be able to see the results in ICE but would urge you not to give these results out to patients because of the changes and the possibility of interpreting them incorrectly. The Sentinel team will always contact patients as quickly as possible and would be grateful if practices did not give results before they have spoken with the patient. If you could let your clinicians and support teams know that would be very helpful.

Please contact Roland Gude if you have any queries:

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Healthwatch Plymouth working with groups within the community around service and support for children, young people and their families/carers with Autism

As you may already be aware, Healthwatch Plymouth has been working with groups within the community around service and support for children, young people and their families/carers with Autism.

Work in this area is ongoing, and we are currently in discussion with local commissioners to ensure the needs of this community are featured in an integrated care pathway moving forward.

We would draw your attention to the Devon Autism Alert card, promoted by Dimensions for Living and funded collaboratively by Plymouth City Council, Devon County Council and Torbay Council.

‘The Autism Alert Card is a powerful tool for the Autism Community to use:

- o In an emergency situation
- o To prevent an emergency situation arising
- o To boost confidence’

www.dimensionsforliving.org/devon-autism-alert-card-plymouth-torbay

We would be grateful if you would clarify if your organisation currently promotes the use of the Devon Autism Alert card, and if not, what arrangements you have in place to support this community.

Healthwatch Plymouth recommends that awareness of the card is ensured amongst front line staff within your organisation.

I look forward to hearing from you shortly.
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