

GP Bulletin

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About this bulletin

To minimise the number of emails sent to practices, the Area Team is using this weekly bulletin as its main method of communicating with practice managers covering the 381 practices in Bristol, Somerset, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. The bulletins contain important information for practice managers, which might include requests for information and deadlines, as well as updates on issues relating to GP contracts.

If you have any questions or wish to provide feedback, please contact the Primary Care Team:
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Key Deadlines

Directed Enhanced Services Claims	08/09/2016	Submission of DES Claim Forms should be sent to – england.pcfincancesw@nhs.net
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- **Items for all Practices**

Procurement of GP Services in Plymouth - reminder

As outlined in Special Bulletin 171a on 9th August, NHS England South (South West) wishes to identify provider(s) for GP Services in Plymouth and is requesting potential providers make an application for the following lots; bidders may bid for one or more lots:

- Lot 1 Ernesettle Primary Care Centre
- Lot 2 Mount Gould Primary Care
- Lot 3 Trelawny Surgery
- Lot 4 Barne Barton Surgery (new service)

NHS England South (South West) proposes to use either the NHS General Medical Services (GMS), NHS Personal Medical Services (PMS) or NHS Alternative Providers of Medical Services (APMS) contract for this service, dependent on the type of contract held by any successful bidder. This will be by way of variation of an existing contract for GMS/PMS contract holders.

In order to be able to submit a draft bid by 14th September, we would recommend accessing the documentation as soon as possible. The project can be accessed in the link below:

To register on the tendering portal In-tend

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/scwcsu/asp/Home>

Tender

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/scwcsu/asp/ProjectManage/253>

Support is available from Lisa Chivers, Clinical Procurement Manager

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Urgent measles update – action required for primary care

There is currently a measles outbreak in the South West of England. Two unimmunised GPs have been exposed to infectious cases. Both GPs have been excluded from clinical practice for at least two weeks. GPs and primary care staff need to read the attached update and take action.

GP Funding Formula Statement

In response to the challenges faced in General Practice, NHS England and the BMA want to ensure that we deliver on the commitments made in the General Practice Forward View – to deliver fairer distribution of funding. A joint statement will be issued shortly, providing an update on the funding formula, expected changes and timelines.

Meningococcal ACWY Immunisation Programme for Adolescents

Meningitis ACWY: Public Health England have published advice on meningitis and septicaemia vaccination, see <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/phe-publishes-advice-on-meningitis-and-septicaemia-vaccinations>. The attached information about the MenACWY programme, is designed to support all healthcare professionals and includes details on:

- the purpose of the programme
- who the vaccine is recommended for
- when vaccines will be available to order
- how to administer the vaccine

For those practices who arrange appointments to vaccinate patients with the Men ACWY vaccination it would also be sensible to check the status of other vaccinations, particularly MMR, and offer these if indicated.

Fluenz/LAIV PGD

The new Fluenz/LAIV PGD is ready to download from the NHSE South website <https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/info-professional/pgd/south-west/downloads/>

Also, coming soon, before the end of August – national PHE PGDs for Influenza IM, Intanza ID, and pneumococcal PPV23, and a local SSW PGD for Typhoid.

Practice Nurse Immunisation Training

There are still vacancies on the 2 day foundations of immunisation course being run in Bodmin, Cornwall on the 2nd and 20th September 2016. Please apply using the link below

<http://cornwallpn.co.uk/events/event/immunisation-foundation-for-trained-nurses-2-days-2916-and-20916/>

CD Newsletter – August 2016

Please find attached a Special Edition of the CD Newsletter regarding a number of incidents reported across the South West involving Morphine Sulfate 10 mg/5 ml.

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

None

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

None