

# 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 380 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

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| Directed Enhanced Services Claims | 08/09/2016 | Submission of DES Claim Forms should be sent to – <a href="mailto:england.pcfincsw@nhs.net">england.pcfincsw@nhs.net</a> |
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- **Items for all Practices**

**CQRS action required: Meningococcal B (Men B) manual entry of data**

Please note automatic collection of the above service has been delayed. All GP practices are therefore required to manually input information this month (September) for this service (achievement period 1<sup>st</sup> August – 31<sup>st</sup> August). The first automatic collection will now take place in October. The [online timetable](#) has been amended to reflect this change.

**PCSE Update**

Please see attached for the latest update from the PCSE.

**South West Regional Awards and Conference**

**Celebrating the successes of NHS England's General Practice Forward View**

General Practice is the heart of our health communities and NHS England – South (South West) are proud to be announcing a joint regional awards and conference to celebrate the achievements in Primary Care across South West England. The awards/conference will be held on **Friday 14 October** in Exeter from 9 am to 4 pm - so please save the date!

We're inviting **submissions for the awards with a deadline of 25 September**.

Further details are in the attached information including more on the conference and how to submit award nominations. More information will also follow in next week's bulletin.

**Shingles resources**

Recent materials have become available to help support the shingles programme:

Poster of who is eligible beyond 2016

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/who-is-eligible-for-the-shingles-vaccine-beyond-2016>

Calculator to work out who is eligible

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/shingles-vaccination-for-adults-aged-70-78-or-79-years-of-age-calculator>

Patient leaflet

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/shingles-vaccination-for-adults-aged-70-or-79-years-of-age-a5-leaflet>

**Bowel scope screening film for people with learning disabilities**

A 30 minute film has been made to help support people with learning disabilities, and their carers to improve access to screening

<https://phescreening.blog.gov.uk/2016/08/22/new-film-can-help-ensure-equal-access-to-bowel-scope-screening/>

## **Delay in the distribution of Agrippal Inactivated Influenza vaccine**

Public Health England has been informed by Seqirus that there will be a delay in distributing its Agrippal inactivated influenza vaccine. The delay is from week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016 to week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Seqirus will be writing to you directly if you are a customer affected by this delay.

## **Vaccination of practice staff with MMR**

The recent update on the measles outbreak currently affecting the south west emphasised that the protection of practice staff is especially important in the context of their ability to transmit measles, mumps or rubella infections to vulnerable groups, as well as for their own benefit.

NHS England has agreed that in response to the current outbreak all practice staff can be immunised in their practice of employment. To further clarify this arrangement:

- There is no specific national guidance that covers the vaccination of staff, but in these circumstances practices can apply the guidance on pages 37 to 39 of the document 'vaccination and immunisation programmes 2016/17 guidance and audit requirements' to their staff. This can be downloaded from the NHS Employers website

<http://www.nhsemployers.org/your-workforce/primary-care-contacts/general-medical-services/vaccination-and-immunisation/2016-17-vaccination-and-immunisation>

- Individuals born before 1970 are likely to have had all three natural infections and are less likely to be susceptible (see Green Book for Guidance). However, to ensure the protection of GP practice staff and their patients during the outbreak any member of staff should be offered vaccination of MMR regardless of their age unless they have current evidence of immunity (previous immunisation with two doses of MMR or documented positive IgG antibodies on serological testing to measles and rubella). A manually claimed payment of £9.80 per dose will apply to all staff as per the guidance above.
- There is no requirement for antibody testing. Routine immunity testing is not currently available for primary care staff; MMR will provide more rapid protection and is safe to give to someone who may already be immune. The risks of harm arising from acquiring measles infection are far higher than from a vaccination.
- NHS England has agreed that as a time limited outbreak control measure, practices can classify their employed staff as requiring immediately necessary treatment and use national supplies of MMR vaccine.
- The employing practice will supply the staff member with confirmation of the vaccine being given to enable them deliver it to their practice to update their notes.
- Refusal of immunisation should be documented.

These measures are in place from 1 August 2016 to 31 December 2016 and will be reviewed at this time in line with epidemiological data. Practices will be updated at this time to clarify arrangements in 2017.

## **Vaccinations and Immunisations – additional and enhanced services**

Please find a link below to a national document prepared by the NHS England GP contracts team which clarifies which vaccination and immunisation programmes are classified as additional services and enhanced services.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2016/08/Vaccs-imms-list-aug16.pdf>

### **Dental Helpline Poster**

Please find attached a new Dental Helpline Poster which includes an updated email address for the service.

### **CD Newsletter – Prescribing Opioids For Chronic Pain**

Please find attached a Special Edition of the CD Newsletter.

### **Lloyds Pharmacy acquisition of Sainsbury's Pharmacy business**

Please note that as from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 all Sainsbury's Pharmacies will be acquired by Lloyds Pharmacy Ltd – further details are attached for information.

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

#### **Avon Local Pharmaceutical Committee Awards**

Nominations are being sought for a new award recognising excellent collaboration between community pharmacies and general practices across Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire and BANES. The winner will be announced as part of Avon Local Pharmaceutical Committee's new awards ceremony on 12<sup>th</sup> October in Keynsham. **The closing date for nominations will be 10<sup>th</sup> September.** More details are available here: <http://psnc.org.uk/avon-lpc/avon-lpc-awards-2016/gp-pharmacy-integration/>

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

#### **Cornwall RCGP CPD Meetings**

Please find attached details of forthcoming meetings.