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Action for provision of information on general practice access data

The Government's mandate to NHS England has a commitment to ensure everyone has easier and more convenient access to GP services, including appointments at evening and weekends.

From October 2016, as set out in regulations, every GP practice in England will be required to submit an online return twice a year through the Primary Care Web Tool: www.primarycare.nhs.uk within a new module titled "Biannual Extended Access". This will set out what access to appointments the practice offers to patients either itself or through other arrangements, seven days a week.

This module will be made automatically available to GP practice staff who currently have ability to submit mandatory data returns to NHS England, and will be available in the website when the collection opens.

The first return will be open for submission from **3rd October 2016 to 31st October 2016** inclusive.

Further guidance including who to contact for further assistance has been attached and will also be made available shortly on the NHS England's website:
<https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/gp-contract/>.

We acknowledge that this is a busy time for general practice and would like to thank you in advance for your support and cooperation in completing this important information return.

Estates and Technology Transformation Fund Update Sept 2016

NHS England South West is working with CCGs to develop the pipeline of projects through regional prioritisation. This step will consider each scheme and determine the relative priority in delivering each CCG's plans as set out in:

- Sustainability and Transformation Plans, and Digital Roadmaps;
- whether the scheme is affordable; and
- whether the scheme can be completed by either 31st March 2017, 31st March 2019 or beyond.

The updated Premises Costs Directions, describing the opportunity for and rules necessary for 100% grant funding is expected in November. It is anticipated 100% grant funding will be by exception. CCGs, as part of this work, will be seeking to confirm that schemes can only be considered at 66% at this stage and will be asking practices to confirm that, in submitting their schemes, they are agreeing to cover 34% of the project costs.

CCGs are completing this work by 29th September and a report will be taken to Regional ETTF Board with results expected to be reported back to CCGs by mid-October on the range of approved schemes to be funded by ETTF.