

# 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

CQRS declarations for payment in the same month	9 <sup>th</sup> of each month	Via CQRS
Directed Enhanced Services Claims	09/11/2016	Submission of DES Claim Forms should be sent to – <a href="mailto:england.pcfincesw@nhs.net">england.pcfincesw@nhs.net</a>
Workforce Minimum Data Set Return	1/10/2016 – 26/10/2016	Submission via Primary Care Web Tool

General Practice Access Data	03/10/2016 – 31/10/2016	Submission via Primary Care Web Tool
AUA Report	31/10/2016	Completed AUA reports to be returned to <a href="mailto:england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net">england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net</a>

- **Items for all Practices**

### **Rent and Rates Reimbursement Claims**

All practices that are claiming reimbursement for rent, rates or water must fill out the reimbursement forms (see attached) as well as submitting supporting invoices to enable them to be processed on the payment run. Please also be aware that we are no longer accepting paper copies of the claims and that all claims should be sent to the relevant address which is stated on the form itself.

There are also a number of practices that are yet to claim for their Non-Domestic rates bill. Please can you review your accounts/Open Exeter statements and make a claim for the bill if you haven't to date. N.B. we will reimburse the full years' worth of rates as opposed to direct debits or monthly amounts.

### **GP Access Webinars**

You are invited to attend a webinar to support the recent announcement regarding 'other geographies' for further roll out of extended access to General Practice Services, the national team has arranged a series of webinars.

These are aimed at CCG staff, GP Federations, GPs and NHS England colleagues involved in leading, planning, implementing or overseeing programmes to improve access to General Practice. The agenda and the joining instructions are detailed in the attached document.

### **South West General Practice Indemnity Cost Survey – deadline extended**

There is still time to complete the SW General Practice Indemnity Survey. Developed to research the increase of indemnity premium in general practice in the South West, the results of the survey will be used to explore the idea of the South West becoming a 'test bed' for an indemnity cover which meets the future needs for general practice. To date, we have received over 240 responses that have yielded very encouraging early results.

The deadline has been extended until the end of October. The survey can be completed either by a Practice Manager on behalf of all the practitioners or individually [here](#).

## **CQRS Meningococcal B booster: Clarification of service requirements / specification:**

### **Meningococcal B booster vaccination programme (also known as Meningitis B)**

To confirm, this routine programme is a three dose programme. The first dose is given at two months of age (8 weeks), the second dose at four months (16 weeks) and a booster dose (also known as a third dose) at 12 to 13 months of age.

If the patient has a booster dose, please ensure that you use the “booster” Read code rather than the historic third dose Read Code. Business rules search for the “booster” read code to trigger payment, so unless the booster code is used, practices will not get paid.

This is reflected in all relevant guidance documents including the [Green Book / Service Specification](#) / Guidance including all relevant Read Codes to be used. Please ensure that you are complying with this guidance in order for payments to be correct for this enhanced service.

### **BCG Vaccine Availability**

As you may know, InterVax BCG vaccine stock has been available for order to a limited number of providers. The accounts were identified as those providers serving a large number of high risk infants. This targeted approach was taken to limit wastage of the multi-dose ampoules and prevent stock being rapidly exhausted. This approach also helped ensure that providers delivering the service were seeing sufficient volumes of patients to maintain competence in administering InterVax BCG vaccine.

Public Health England is now expanding the list of accounts currently able to order InterVax BCG vaccine to ensure that all high priority infants do not miss out on vaccination.

The vaccine can be ordered from the following ImmForm accounts. This is in addition to the existing ordering which can already take place for the two Bristol trusts.

0000511001	ROYAL CORNWALL HOSPITAL, PHARMACY DEPARTMENT, TRELISKE, CORNWALL, TR1 3LJ
0000500704	WESTON GENERAL HOSPITAL, THE PHARMACY, GRANGE ROAD, UPHILL, BS23 4TQ
0000506801	YEOVIL DISTRICT HOSPITAL, THE PHARMACY, HIGHER KINGSTON, YEOVIL, BA21 4AT
0000506803	MUSGROVE PARK HOSPITAL, THE PHARMACY, TAUNTON & SOMERSET NHS TRUST, TAUNTON, TA1 5DA
0000511201	ROYAL DEVON & EXETER HOSPITAL, THE PHARMACY, BARRACK ROAD, WONFORD, EX2 5DW
0000511901	NORTH DEVON DISTRICT HOSP PHARMACY DEPARTMENT, RALEIGH PARK, BARNSTAPLE, NORTH DEVON, EX31 4JB
0000508401	TORBAY HOSPITAL SOUTH DEVON HEALTHCARE, THE PHARMACY, NEWTON ROAD, TQ2 7AA
0000505901	DERRIFORD HOSPITAL THE PHARMACY LEVEL 05, DERRIFORD ROAD, CROWNHILL, PL6 8DH
	Lawrence Hill Health Centre, Hassell Drive, Bristol, BS2 0AN
	Wellspring Surgery, Beam Street, Redfield, Bristol, BS5 9QY
	Montpelier Health Centre, Montpelier, Bristol, BS6 5PT

For providers using InterVax for the first time guidance and training resources are available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/immunisation#tuberculosis>. It is important to note that InterVax will need to be given by **PSD**, rather than PGD as has occurred with the previous BCG vaccination.

Colleagues are reminded that in order to preserve the still limited supplies, InterVax BCG vaccine should only be used for the high priority groups (A and B) outlined below, with the addition that any newborns (groups A and B) who missed out during the period of vaccine shortage continue to remain eligible until they reach 5 years of age.

The high priority groups are described below:

- A. All infants (aged 0 to 12 months) with a parent or grandparent who was born in a country where the annual incidence of TB is 40/100,000 or greater.
- B. All infants (aged 0 to 12 months) living in areas of the UK where the annual incidence of TB is 40/100,000 or greater.
- C. Previously unvaccinated children aged one to five years with a parent or grandparent who was born in a country where the annual incidence of TB is 40/100,000 or greater. These children should be identified at suitable opportunities, and can normally be vaccinated without tuberculin testing.

Given the low incidence of TB in many areas across South West and to avoid wastage of this vaccine we would expect that infants be grouped together to ensure sufficient numbers are available for a clinic to be put on. In these circumstances it may be sensible to invite a small number of children in priority group C, concentrating on the youngest and those waiting for the greatest period of time.

Public Health England will continue to monitor ordering and stock availability closely and will update you with any developments.

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

None

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

- **NHS 111 and out of hours service integration Survey – Cornwall Practices only**

NHS Kernow is looking to commission a fully-integrated urgent care access, treatment and clinical access service incorporating NHS 111 and primary care out of hours' services to be in place for 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2017. For further information, to take part in the online survey or to request a paper survey please [click here](#). Please also circulate via your networks.

The survey will close on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016.**