

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 377 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 th of each month	Via CQRS
Directed Enhanced Services Claims	09/11/2016	Submission of DES Claim Forms should be sent to – england.pcfinesw@nhs.net
General Practice Extended 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 england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net

• Items for all Practices

Important Reminder – General Practice Extended Access Data

We would like to thank all those Practices who have completed this return. If you have not done so, please be aware that submission of this data closes on Monday, 31st October 2016.

Webinars for GP access

A series of webinars has been organised to improve access to general practice (agenda [here](#)). The webinars are aimed at GPs, GP federations, CCG staff and NHS England colleagues involved in leading, planning, implementing or overseeing programmes:

- Thursday 3 November, 1pm-2.30pm: [here](#).
- Wednesday 16 November, 6pm-7.30pm: [here](#).

Please see the attached slides for further information.

Notional Rent Payments

NHS England would like to bring all practices attention to the recent issues surrounding Capita payments regarding Notional Rent payments.

A number of practices will have received additional payments in error when their monthly payments were increased and payments at the old rates were not stopped.

Some practices will have noticed that they have received their full annual rent and in some cases have exceeded this.

We will contact the affected practices in due course to advise them of the amounts and processes to reclaim.

Winter Indemnity Scheme 2016 announced

As part of [broader work to address the issue of rising indemnity costs](#) as outlined in the General Practice Forward View, NHS England will re-run a winter indemnity scheme to support GPs to work in out of hours setting. The scheme is now running until 31st March 2017. You can find out more information including how GPs can make applications through their Medical Defence Organisations (MDOs) at the following link:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/gp-fv/gp-indemnity/winter-indemnity/>

For further information please email: england.primarycareops@nhs.net

RCGP Clinical Priority, Spotlight and QI Projects

We would like to inform you of an annual opportunity to work with the RCGP to affect a tangible and impactful change in primary care understanding and delivery. The Clinical Priority Programme aims to raise the profile of clinical areas that are often overlooked, and to put a spotlight on these and champion the need for increased knowledge and support for primary care staff. The Quality Improvement Programme commits to continuously improving the quality of healthcare, focusing on the preferences and needs of the people who use services.

Expressions of interest are now being invited for the Clinical Priority Programme (projects of three year duration – deadline of the expression of interest is Friday **28 October 2016**), the Spotlight Project /Quality Improvement Programme (projects of one year duration – deadline of the expression of interest is Friday **02 December 2016**) for a start date of 1 April 2017.

More information and details on how to apply can be found here:

www.rcgp.org.uk/clinical-and-research/our-programmes/clinical-priority-and-spotlight-project-applications.aspx

<http://www.rcgp.org.uk/clinical-and-research/our-programmes/qi-project-applications.aspx>

Pregnancy Loss and the death of a baby

Since the Sands Guidelines were first published in 1991, they have become widely recognised as an essential benchmark for good practice when caring for parents who have a childbearing loss. The 4th edition of the Guidelines is based on research findings and on widespread discussions with health professionals, parents and voluntary organisations. It covers losses at any stage during pregnancy, including early and late miscarriage and termination for fetal anomaly, as well as stillbirth and care for very ill babies and those who are likely to die shortly after birth. As well as describing what constitutes good care, the Guidelines offer practical guidance on how to meet parents' needs, chapter 1 now addresses spiritual care with and chapter 22 addresses receiving and responding to feedback from parent experiences.

Pregnancy Loss and the Death of a Baby: Guidelines for professionals 4th edition 2016

<http://www.uk-sands.org/professionals/resources-for-health-professionals/the-sands-guidelines>

Important information for Practice Nurses: Standards for immunisation training

This is a reminder that national standards for immunisation training state that Practice nurses should attend an initial 2 day imms course and then an annual update.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immunisation-training-national-minimum-standards>

However, it is acknowledged that many practice nurses have been immunising for years and attending annual updates but never attended an initial 2 day update.

For these nurses, we are suggesting that you complete the RCN competency checklist

<https://www.rcn.org.uk/professional-development/publications/pub-0053366>

and decide if, as a result of this, it would be useful to you to attend a 2 day course. Much of the 2 day programme would be a refresher but you may still find it useful.

Reports from nurses who have undertaken this process have found it extremely beneficial.

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

- **Vacancy for a Primary Care Change Manager in Somerset**

Nationally the General Practice Forward View has set out a clear programme for change. As part of this programme, NHS England has provided funding for Primary Care Change Managers across the South West.

Somerset LMC hosts the role for Somerset and we have an opportunity for a Change Manager. This role is for 12 months initially but may be extended. This is a self-employed role with funding available for 3 days per week at £300 per day including expenses.

If you are interested, please send a brief email outlining your experience and skills to lmcoffice@somersetlmc.nhs.uk by 5pm on Friday 4 November. Interviews will be arranged for early November.

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

- **Immunisation Training Courses – Devon Practices only**

Please see attached flyers for the funded immunisation training courses available. Places are limited so to ensure a place please book early.