

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	08/12/2016	Submission of DES Claim Forms should be sent to – england.pcfinesw@nhs.net
eDEC Submission	14/11/2016 – 23/12/2016 (Please note the amended dates)	- Submission via Primary Care Web Tool - Practice Manager requests for access to the eDEC submission should be sent to england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net

• Items for all Practices

eDEC Submission

Further to the Special Bulletin which was sent out on 8th November 2016, we have subsequently been informed by the Primary Care Web Tool Team that due to technical reasons the opening eDEC submission has had to be delayed by 48 hours. The collection dates will now be **Friday, 14th November to Friday, 23rd December 2016.**

Winter Indemnity Scheme

As part of a broader General Practice Forward View commitment to address the [issue of rising indemnity costs](#), NHS England has announced its Winter Indemnity Scheme for **GPs 2016**. This will run until Friday 31st March 2017 (inclusive). It is designed to meet the costs of personal professional indemnity for any additional out of hours work undertaken by GPs this winter to enable the freedom to work additional sessions without having to pay additional subscriptions to their medical defense organisations (MDO).

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

It is felt that the GPs working for GPAF schemes may be eligible for this scheme, where they provide services from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm and over weekends and bank holidays. Initial communication with the national team informed us that the national team anticipated that there would be services that would sit outside of the traditional OOH or CCG etc. Where full or part of the service being provided by GPs looks like it should be the sort of thing that would be covered, the national team have been saying that in principle those 'sessions' from that scheme should be eligible, however, the GPs will need to check their eligibility with the MDUs.

We would encourage GPs to take their cases to the MDUs, as soon as possible to take advantage of this scheme. <https://www.themdu.com/winterindemnity>

Guidance on the prevention and management of meningococcal meningitis and septicaemia in higher education institutions - For the attention of all practices linked to Universities

Information on the 'Guidance on the prevention and management of meningococcal meningitis and septicaemia in higher education institutions' has recently been published and disseminated to Health Protection Teams and distributed separately by UUK to Higher Education Networks and to the student health association members by the Chair of that group. The document covers:

- understanding invasive meningococcal disease and why freshers are at increased risk
- raising awareness of the signs and symptoms of meningitis
- encouraging all first time university entrants up to 25 years old to have the MenACWY vaccination
- planning ahead for possible case or cluster of cases of meningitis
- sourcing resources to support awareness of immunisation

We would advise practices linked to Universities to be familiar with the document in order to support their student populations. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/meningitis-and-septicaemia-prevention-and-management-in-higher-education-institutions>.

Collection of Immunisation and Vaccination Data

Please find attached a letter regarding the Immunisation and Vaccination data collected by Public Health England (PHE) via the ImmForm system, which will now be shared with NHS England to enable vaccine uptake to be monitored for the protection of public health.

If you or your colleagues have any queries please contact the Public Health Commissioning Team by email: england.phs7apmo@nhs.net, with 'GP ImmForm Data' in the subject box for ease of reference.

Opportunities for action around hypertension highlighted with new resource

A new blood pressure resource for primary care practitioners and local authorities has been developed.

The resource, entitled '[Blood Pressure – How Can We Do Better?](#)' highlights the national picture around high blood pressure and also breaks down the data into tailored packs for every CCG, highlighting local opportunities for improvement

It was developed by a group of GPs, nurses and pharmacists from the Primary Care CVD Leadership Forum, working in partnership with Public Health England, the British Heart Foundation, NHS England, the Stroke Association, Blood Pressure UK, the British Hypertension Society and the Royal College of General Practitioners. Read more [here](#).

Female Genital Mutilation Pocket Guide

Please be aware that the FGM Pocket Guide for Health Professionals which was part of last year's FGM work programme has been uploaded onto the FGM page of the safeguarding website and can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/safeguarding/our-work/fgm/>

Moorfields Eye Hospital's e-discharge process

Please be aware that Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust will soon be supplying GPs with discharge summaries electronically. This will mean that GPs will be in receipt of this documentation within 24 hours of a patient's appointment at a Moorfields Eye Hospital site.

If you have any queries in relation to the Moorfields e-discharge project please contact edischarge@moorfields.nhs.uk

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

Cryptosporidium Outbreak – For the attention of Taunton Deane Practices

There has been an outbreak of cryptosporidium linked to a local swimming pool (Blackbrook Pavilion). If you see any patients complaining of diarrhoea and vomiting please be aware of this and obtain stool samples for testing. For any queries please contact the South West South Health Protection Team - 0300-303-8162.

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

Devon School Immunisation Pathway – Devon Practices only

The Devon School Immunisation Pathway is attached. It is an overview of arrangements in your local area and consists of:

- A practice checklist to help understand your responsibilities
- A childhood flu pathway
- A Men ACWY pathway
- A Td/IPV pathway
- A HPV pathway
- Useful information, links and contacts
- Financial information

We hope you find this information useful and clear: if you have any comments, suggestions or queries please contact the South (South West) Screening and Immunisations Team on england.bnsssg.imms@nhs.net