

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: england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net

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Key Deadlines

CQRS declarations for payment in the same month	9 th of each month	Via CQRS
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• Items for all Practices

CQRS Update - Indicators no longer in QOF (INLIQ) 2016/17 participation

Please be aware that the service: Indicators no longer in QOF (INLIQ) 2016/17 will soon be made available to practices in CQRS.

In order to participate in the Indicators no longer in QOF - INLIQ (1st April 2016 – 31st March 2017 annual data collection), GP practices will need to accept this service in CQRS by the end of February 2017.

NHS England and General Practitioners Committee (GPC) can confirm that practices will continue to undertake work and code activity as clinically appropriate in relation to those indicators no longer in QOF. Practices are encouraged to facilitate data collection on these indicators. Periodically, NHS England will collect data from practices' clinical systems which will provide statistical information, be processed for audit and publication and will help inform commissioners and practices. It is not intended for performance management purposes. The continuation of the reporting is essential as DH, PHE and other healthcare groups have indicated that the information linked to these indicators are essential for their work and wider healthcare programmes. Not all the indicators that are no longer in QOF will continue to be extracted, only those where it is felt that continued data would be useful. For future years, further retirements would be considered for ongoing collections and the indicators in this collection would also be reviewed to check to appropriateness of continuing to collect the data.

Process for Notification of Business Continuity or Critical Incident

All GP practices are required to inform NHS England, should something happen that would prevent or impede delivery of services.

This will enable NHS England to work with the Practice, should a provider suffer a business continuity event or emergency:

- **Normal office hours** – Contact NHS England via Email - england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net
- **Out of hours-**
 - If there are NO immediate patient safety issues, contact NHS England the next working day.
 - If there is an immediate patient safety issues then contact the out of hours contact numbers.

The out of hours contact numbers:

- Devon, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly: 01752 438010 (ask for the NHS England on call manager)
- Bristol, North Somerset, Somerset and South Gloucester: 0303 033 8833

Plymouth Procurement Update

We are pleased to announce that the contract for all three Lots of Ernesttle, Mount Gould and Trelawny has been awarded to the preferred bidder as Pathfields Medical Group. The standstill period has been concluded, so this information is in the public domain. We are now in the negotiation phase and working towards getting the contract signed in the next couple of weeks.

We will be starting to work with Access Health Care and Pathfields to arrange a smooth transition to the new provider.

New HPV factsheet for health professionals

Nationally, there is continuing media interest about the safety of HPV vaccine. The National Immunisation Team has produced a new Q&A factsheet for health professionals that has been designed to address questions that are being raised by various pressure groups and that are circulating in the media. The link to the new factsheet is [here](#).

If you have any queries, please contact the Screening and Immunisation Team via the generic email: england.bnsssg.imms@nhs.net.

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

Hepatitis C Audit – Bristol Practices only

Please see the attached letter and background information. The aim of this audit is to identify the proportion of patients who tested HCV RNA positive in Bristol during 2015/16, who were subsequently referred to secondary care for assessment and treatment. The audit will describe local management of patients against the expected Hepatitis C care pathway. A further aim is to collect information on patient demographics and to identify barriers to referral and treatment. The findings from this audit will be used to help inform local strategies to improve both referral and successful treatment numbers.

Cases of Hepatitis C resident in Bristol reported to the South West Public Health England Centre in 2015/16 will followed up to ascertain the following information:

1. The proportion of patients with a new diagnosis of HCV,
2. The demographic and risk factor profile of patients with HCV,
3. The clinical status of patient's diagnosis with HCV,
4. The number of patients referred to and attending for assessment,
5. The proportion of patients that went on to receive treatment, type of treatment and how many completed it,
6. The proportion of patients previously diagnosed and treated for HCV.

This communication is to ensure that GP Practices are aware that the audit will be taking place and that they may be contacted by colleagues in Public Health England.

Any queries should be directed to Ulrike Harrower (Ulrike.harrower@phe.gov.uk) or Maya Gobin (Maya.gobin@phe.gov.uk)

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

- Dental Helpline Poster – Devon and Cornwall Practices only**

- Please find attached a poster for your information and/or displayed in your practice concerning the contact details for patients who require access to a NHS Dentist - Titled "Need a NHS Dentist"