

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	08/02/2017	Submission of DES Claim Forms should be sent to – england.pcfinesw@nhs.net

• Items for all Practices

Clinical Pharmacist Portal

Applications open for clinical pharmacists in general practice scheme (<http://nhs.us5.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=fe51aa41404cfb64f7d454491&id=edea42ea4e&e=7f297646e6>)

NHS England is launching a £112m programme to recruit 1,500 more clinical pharmacists to general practice by 2020. It follows a pilot launched in July 2015 which led to 490 more clinical pharmacists working from GP surgeries across the country. The move is part of the expansion of general practice teams to improve services for patients and reduce GP workload pressures. Practices will be able to apply for the scheme from 9th January 2017.

CQRS Update for Vision Practices: Pneumococcal incorrect data uptake

We have been informed by CQRS that the December Pneumococcal automatic extraction for Vision practices did not work for payment counts PNEUCC002 and PNEUCC003. With this in mind, GP practices who use Vision, should manually enter data for the 01/12/2016 - 31/12/2016 collection, before declaring and submitting to the regional local office for approval.

The automated extracts with missing data are:

- Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccination programme: Vision practices only

Manual data entry for Pneumococcal December 2016 achievement will be available from Tuesday 17 January on CQRS following completion of the GPES collection for other GP practices (i.e. EMIS, TPP and Microtest).

Affected practices will be informed via a Vision system message, with details of complete technical issues.

Newborn Bloodspot screening – communicating Sickle Cell and/or Cystic Fibrosis carrier results

Please see attached new pathways for communicating Sickle Cell or Cystic Fibrosis carrier results to parents. Since December 1st 2016, in the event of a newborn bloodspot SC or CF carrier result the lab will write directly to the infant's health visitor who will be responsible for communicating the

result to the parent (GPs will be copied into the lab letter for information). Health visitor training to carry out this role is currently being delivered across the region.

REACT Reducing Errors and Achieving Change Together

Please see the attached Bulletin from Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust providing learning from Serious Incidents.

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

None

- **Item for Devon and Somerset Practices only**

Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust GP e-Correspondence Project

From 1st February 2017, Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust will be sending GP correspondence, including clinic letters, via electronic transfer directly into the practice systems. This will initially include practices in NEW Devon CCG, South Devon and Torbay CCG and Somerset CCG already receiving electronic discharge summaries from Royal Devon and Exeter. Further information will follow shortly.

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

Plymouth Diabetic Eye Screening Programme Update

Following Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust serving notice on their Diabetic Eye Screening Contract in April 2016, NHS England has completed a formal procurement process and is pleased to announce that a new provider, Emis Care, has been identified as the successful bidder to deliver the service from April 2017.

Emis Care has significant experience of this programme as they already hold similar contracts across the country and we are anticipating a seamless transfer of this service to them. The changes to the contract will affect patients registered with GP's in:

- the Western locality of New Devon CCG including Plymouth, Lifton, Ivybridge, Tavistock, Kingsbridge, Salcombe, Yealmpton, Modbury, Yelverton. This includes those within the armed forces and HMP Dartmoor
- South East Cornwall within Kernow CCG including Liskeard, Saltash, Torpoint & Callington (maternity patients only).

NHS England Communications team is working with Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust and Emis Care to ensure the changes are publicised and patients aware of the change.

NEW Devon CCG Outreach Procurement Update – Plymouth Practices only

Procurement Update: Provision of Outreach Primary Medical Services for homeless people and individuals attending Probation services who are not able to access mainstream general practice.

To confirm: on the 3rd January 2017 via the Western Locality mailbox, GP practices in Plymouth were invited to bid for the continued provision of a Plymouth based Outreach Primary Medical Services for homeless people and individuals attending Probation services who are not able to access mainstream general practice. The closing date to submit a bid is 12:00 noon on Tuesday, 31st January 2017.

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