

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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 - None

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.pcfincesw@nhs.net

Expression of Interest Form for Funded GP Coaching	by 5pm on 13/02/2017	Submission of Expression of Interest Forms should be sent to - england.gpdevelopment@nhs.net
Health Care Worker Flu Vaccine Uptake Return	Open between 1 st and 8 th Feb	Submission via ImmForm

• Items for all Practices

NHS GP Health service (Publications Gateway Reference No: 06382)

NHS England has launched the NHS GP Health Service, the world's first nationally-funded treatment service of its kind for GPs and GP trainees suffering mental ill-health.

GPs and GP trainees will be able to self-refer to this free and confidential service provided through a regional network of experienced clinicians and therapists who will deliver support for a range of conditions including:

- Common and more complex mental health conditions
- Mental health conditions relating to physical health
- Substance misuse including support for community detoxification
- Rehabilitation and support to return to work after a period of mental ill-health.

This follows a commitment from Simon Stevens and the General Practice Forward View. For more information on how to access the service, please visit <http://gphealth.nhs.uk/>.

Contact Name and email address for any queries: gp.health@nhs.net

Message for all Dispensing Practices Participating in the 2016 / 2017 Dispensary Services Quality Scheme

Practices who have participated in the 2016/2017 Dispensary Services Quality Scheme (DSQS) will be paid in the February contract payments. As the assessment process is not yet complete this will be an 'on account' payment, and subject to recovery later if a practice is assessed as not adequately meeting the requirements of the DSQS. If you have any queries regarding DSQS please email england.pharmacysouthwest@nhs.net

Foot Risk Awareness and Management Education (FRAME) tool

A foot care peer review programme of care providers across the South West, carried out by the South West Clinical Network in 2014-15, identified a need for accessible training in foot assessment for primary care diabetes teams. Working with the Universities of Edinburgh and Plymouth the FRAME tool has been updated to reflect NICE guidance for England and Wales.

A new version of the Foot Risk Awareness and Management Education (FRAME) tool launched in England on 1st February 2017. This free e-learning resource provides the learner with diabetic foot

assessment training using interactive animations and case scenarios. The learner may opt to undertake an assessment at the end of the module which, if passed, gives a certificate of completion.

Any Health Care Professional/worker can access the tool to gain knowledge of the theoretical and practical competencies to safely and effectively undertake diabetes foot care assessments. The content follows current NICE guidance and provides access to the range of excellent patient advice leaflets developed by the College of Podiatrists.

The FRAME tool is endorsed by [Diabetes UK](#) and can be accessed at www.diabetesframe.org. Further information about the South West Clinical Network foot care peer review programme can be found at www.swscn.nhs.uk.

<http://www.swscn.org.uk/foot-rist-awareness-management-education-frame-tool-new-version-england/9330/>

Expression of Interest and Suitability Assessment for GP Coaching Funded by NHS England

The General Practice Forward View is supporting practices and GPs to stabilise services and stimulate transformation for the future. As part of this, over the next three years, free coaching sessions are being offered to experienced GPs. Coaching is a means to reflect on your career and to further develop your plans for the future.

We are delighted to be able to offer sessions earlier than expected; therefore if you are able to commit to a minimum of two sessions before 31 March 2017, please submit this expression of interest form by 5pm on 13 February to: england.gpdevelopment@nhs.net

Healthcare Worker Flu Vaccine Uptake

Every year there is a huge uptake of flu vaccination amongst health care workers in primary care that is a bastion against transmission to and from patients, and a vital part of business continuity during times of intense pressure on health services. To adequately assess the impact of a flu outbreak on those services it is important for us to understand the levels of protection, and the part of uptake reporting cannot be overstated.

Practices are reminded of one of the few remaining opportunities to report uptake amongst their staff from the 1st to 8th of February on the ImmForm site. Details of how to do this are attached.

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None

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

None