

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 375 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
Participating in QOF 16/17 must be completed by	19 th March 2017	Via CQRS
Manually input QOF achievement for the required manual indicators	by midnight on 31 March 2017	Via CQRS

Agreement to participate in QOF 17/18	by 24 March 2017	Via CQRS
The second bi-annual extended access collection is open for submission	31 st March	Via Primary Care Webtool www.primarycare.nhs.uk

• Items for all Practices

GPFV leadership development for SW

Two flyers are attached which advertise the Inaugural Primary Care Improvers Conference which will begin to build a learning and sharing community of people involved in improvement in primary care across the country. There is a What is Quality Improvement session aimed at GP practices being run in Exeter on 23 March from 1.00 -4.00 pm. The links to register for either event are in the flyers.

QOF Year End 2016/17 Process to Follow

To prepare for QOF achievement information collection at year-end, practices need to complete a number of actions by the deadlines indicated:

1. Ensure you are participating in QOF 16/17 on CQRS. Participating in QOF must be completed by **19 March 2017**
2. Manually input achievement for the required manual indicators. This must be completed by midnight on **31 March 2017**, these indicators cannot be extracted automatically from your GP clinical systems. Until you complete manual data entry for these 4 indicators your QOF achievement will not calculate. This will also delay your QOF 17/18 aspiration payment. The four indicators are in Palliative Care, Smoking and 2 in Cervical Screening.
3. The offer of QOF 2017/18 will be made to Practices on CQRS shortly. Practices must agree to participate in QOF 17/18 on CQRS by **24 March 2017**, to ensure that aspiration payments can be calculated and made from April 2017.

Somerset Practices: please note that before the QOF 2017/18 offer can be made on CQRS we need to know the sign-up intentions for QOF or SPQS from Practices. Therefore, Somerset CCG will be emailing Practices shortly with the 2017/18 SPQS Service Specification and details about how to sign-up including deadlines.

The extraction of the year-end QOF data will take place from 1 – 3 April 2017, once the data has been extracted and is available to view on CQRS from 4 April 2017, please:

- Check your achievement information on CQRS and review this against your clinical system QOF information with a 31 March 2017 achievement date. We would advise that you keep

your clinical system audit reports from the final QOF submission to help with any future verification and reconciliation, especially if you have merged during the past year.

- If you don't agree with any values, please email england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net with details and supporting information
- Once you're satisfied your achievement is correct, declare your achievement on CQRS for approval and payment

SPQS Practices – CQRS Year-end Process

As a Practice participating in SPQS, you do not receive payment via CQRS, however, the actions detailed above still need to be undertaken on CQRS. Please note it is important to check the extracted data is correct before declaring, as this information will be used in the SPQS reconciliation calculation.

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

None

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

EMIS Care awarded contracts to provide diabetic eye screening service in Plymouth

NHS England has awarded EMIS Care the contracts to provide the diabetic eye screening service in Plymouth. EMIS Care has partnered with Devon Local Optical Committee to deliver the service. The mobilisation period has begun and the providers will be working together to ensure a smooth transition. For more information about the new service please visit: www.PLYMOUTHdesp.info

Dispensing by Doctors applications

NHS England are receiving applications for dispensing by doctors using the old Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Primary Care form, which does not indicate which practice is involved. Please can practices ensure that they use the correct form, which is attached, otherwise applications will not be processed. Thank you for your co-operation.