

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
Directed Enhanced Services Claims	08/02/2017	Submission of DES Claim Forms should be sent to – england.pcfincesw@nhs.net

Health Care Worker Flu Vaccine Uptake Return	Open between 1 st and 8 th Feb	Submission via ImmForm
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- **Items for all Practices**

PCSE Update Jan 2017

Please see the attached update information from PCSE

GP Listing - National Performers List

Attached you will find a letter from Dr Caroline Gamlin, Medical Director, NHS England South – South West advising organisations that may seek to employ or contract with GPs that, because of delays arising in Primary Care Support England’s processes for managing changes to the National Performer List, the listings of GPs on the publically accessible national performer list are not currently up to date. However, whilst urgent work is underway to complete the outstanding updates to the website, if you are unable to find a particular doctor on the list, you can contact the NHS England local office for advice on the doctor’s status on the NHS England Performer list and whether any conditions relate to that doctor’s registration.

Childhood Immunisation Target payments - PMS Practices only

PMS Practices that historically had their Childhood Immunisation Target payments included in their baseline were originally advised they would receive their 1st payments in December 2016.

The instruction was given to Capita in October but due to ongoing issues at Capita, the instruction was not acted on until January 2017.

Therefore the payments will be made in February 2017. We apologise for the inconvenience this may have caused and the delay in response whilst we investigated this matter.

Alert: Listeria cases linked to soft cheese

PHE SW(S) and HIOW Health Protection Teams have been alerted to a possible source of *Listeria monocytogenes*, potentially linked to one death. The source is suspected to be unpasteurised soft cheese sold on the border of Dorset and Hampshire, although distribution networks are somewhat wider.

Although our investigations lead us to believe that the risk of further cases is low, please be alert to the possibility, particularly in these winter months when mild symptoms (pyrexia, vomiting and diarrhoea) of *Listeria* infection may be easily confused with those of influenza like illness and norovirus infection.

Listeriosis is usually asymptomatic or mild in fit healthy people and in pregnant women. However, infection may lead to abortion in pregnant women or serious invasive infection in neonates, elderly or the immunocompromised. Mortality can be up to 30% in risk groups. Incubation can range from 3 to 70 days after exposure.

If you suspect *Listeria* infection may be a possibility, please ask the patient specifically about unpasteurised soft cheese consumption, where they bought it from, and when. Please then arrange for blood cultures and inform your local health protection team on [for South West south bulletin] 0300 303 8162 (option 1 then option 1) [for Hampshire/Isle of Wight bulletin] 0344 225 3861 (option 2 to 1).

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.

GP Health Service goes live - Monday 30 January

A world-first nationally funded service for GPs and GP trainees suffering mental ill-health and addiction will go live from Monday 30 January. The NHS GP Health Service will provide free, confidential specialist mental health 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.

GPs and GP trainees will be able to self-refer through a regional network of experienced clinicians and therapists across 13 areas in England. This service was a commitment from NHS England Chief Executive Simon Stevens and in the General Practice Forward View. For more information about the service and how to access it visit www.england.nhs.uk/gphealthservice

• Items for Bristol, North Somerset, Somerset and South Gloucestershire Practices only

None

• Items for Devon, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Practices only

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

From 1 March 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. More information will be provided shortly.