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## About this bulletin

To minimise the number of emails sent to practices, the Local Regional Team is using this weekly bulletin as its main method of communicating with practice managers covering the 371 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.

Copies of the bulletins and attachments are available on our website:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/info-professional/medical/dcis/gp-bulletin/>

If you have any questions or wish to provide feedback, please contact the Primary Care Team:

[england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net](mailto:england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net)

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## Key Deadlines

CQRS declarations for payment in the same month	9 <sup>th</sup> of each month	Via CQRS
Submit claims for target payments for childhood vaccinations & immunisations for the period 1 Jan - 31 March	between 31 March & 1 May 2017	Via the PCSE website <a href="http://pcse.england.nhs.uk/gp-payments">http://pcse.england.nhs.uk/gp-payments</a>
Avoiding Unplanned Admissions 2016/17 Component 3 – Reporting Template	30 April 2017	Via Email to <a href="mailto:england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net">england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net</a>
Return form for Extended Hours	By 19 May 2017	Via Email to <a href="mailto:england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net">england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net</a>
Enhanced Services Contract Variations	By 26 May 2017	Via Email to <a href="mailto:england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net">england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net</a>

### • Items for all Practices

#### QOF Issues Reported and Being Investigated

Message from CQRS Project Team:

Some GPs have reported concerns with the recent QOF calculations and aspiration payments, which NHS England and NHS Digital are investigating as a matter of priority. So far, this has identified discrepancies with some prevalence calculations which could impact on some practices' achievement and as a result on final payment and aspiration. NHS England and NHS Digital are working to resolve this as soon as possible to minimise any impact on practices.

NHS England wants to assure practices that they will all receive aspiration payments on time. In the meantime, if practices and local commissioners could temporarily stop any QOF approval processes and further information will be communicated in more detail as soon as we can.

Kind Regards,  
CQRS Project team

## **CQC Fees Reimbursement 2017/18 Update**

Part of the agreed GMS contract changes for 2017/18 is that NHS England will reimburse CQC Fees for GP practices. We have received a number of queries already about this and we wanted to update practices through the GP Bulletin so that you are aware of the situation.

At the moment we do not have a clear process established as the central team are still working on year end issues, however we expect to have news to share with practices by the end of May about how our local process will work. In the meantime, please continue to pay the fees and retain the relevant documents which will need to be sent to us in due course in order to receive payment.

## **QRISK2 Issue**

NHS England recently offered the QRisk2 Service on CQRS to practices affected by the TPP issue where incorrect risk scores were calculated for patients. Practices with affected patients now registered with them are required to undertake the necessary work to ensure the problem is corrected and can claim for undertaking this work.

We have noticed that a relatively large number of GP Practices have rejected the QRisk2 service on CQRS and a larger number have not yet accepted the offer. Can I please ask all practices to review the situation and ensure that this work is undertaken.

Please check CQRS and accept the offer if have not already done so. If you have rejected the offer on CQRS we will be offering it to you again next week and would be grateful if it can be accepted .

## **2017-18 Extended Hours sign up form**

Please find attached this year's extended hours report form.

All practices that are participating in extended hours for 2017-18, please fill in the form and return by 19<sup>th</sup> May 17 to [england.premises.clinicalwaste@nhs.net](mailto:england.premises.clinicalwaste@nhs.net).

## **Ensuring patients with learning disabilities are on the GP learning disability register**

**Save time and resources, improve care for disadvantaged patients and meet your legal requirements.** Data indicates there is clear [disparity](#) across the south of England in the level of care being received by individuals with a learning disability – specifically relating to uptake and the quality of annual health checks.

Ensuring your patients with a learning disability are on the GP learning disability register will lead to better healthcare outcomes for this often disadvantaged group. Once on the register all those eligible (aged 14 and over) should be having an annual health check – helping reduce recognised health inequalities.

NHS England, through negotiations on the new GP contract, has achieved agreement on an increased payment (£140). Alongside this, a new national electronic Health Check (learning

disabilities) clinical template has been produced to aid you with this enhanced service health check. Work is underway with GP IT system providers to make this template available on your IT system.

Another way you can help your patients with a learning disability is by asking for their consent to add Additional Information (AI) to their Summary Care Record (SCR). This will help improve quality of care for patients when and if they are treated by other services, including emergency and urgent care. Providing AI to other services may also decrease the number of calls to your surgery, freeing up valuable time and resources.

SCR AI uses existing information already recorded in the GP system and therefore helps to reduce the need for data entry into numerous systems. In addition, all organisations that provide NHS care or adult social care are legally required to follow the [Accessible Information Standard](#) and using SCR with AI in your practice will help you meet this.

### **Reminder to submit claims for target payments for childhood vaccinations & immunisations for the period 1 January to 31 March**

Practices are reminded that they should submit claims for target payments for childhood vaccinations & immunisations for the period 1 January to 31 March, between 31 March and 1 May. Please check the PCS England website for details.

<http://pcse.england.nhs.uk/gp-payments/>

<http://pcse.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/PCSE-Practice-Guide-Childhood-Immunisations.pdf>

Even if immunisation data is uploaded by child health in your area, individual practices must log on and 'submit' for the payment to be authorised.

### **WHO Immunisation Week - 24<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> April**

As part of the WHO immunisation week we are asking for your help in raising awareness of the importance of routine childhood vaccinations, which are vital to protect children from serious infectious diseases. Unfortunately, in many areas, routine childhood vaccination rates are too low, as parents either decide against vaccination or fall behind in the schedule. These low rates mean thousands of individual children are not fully protected and we are also failing to reach the level required to create wider "herd immunity". This significantly raises the likelihood of local outbreaks of diseases such as measles, mumps and pertussis.

The attached files provide further information about the campaign and some materials which we hope that you will display and utilise.

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

None

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

#### **New Clinical Waste Claim Form**

Please find attached a New Clinical Waste Claim Form for practices that are not covered by a central NHS England contract for clinical waste only.

Please return the claim form as usual with the invoice to - [england.premises.clinicalwaste@nhs.net](mailto:england.premises.clinicalwaste@nhs.net)