

GP Bulletin

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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 360 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

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 - None

Key Deadlines

CQRS declarations for payment in the same month	9 th of each month	Via CQRS
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Submit data for all seasonal influenza vaccinations administered from 1 September 2017 to 30 November 2017.	From Friday 1 st – 13 th December 2017	Via ImmForm
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- **Items for all Practices**

Health Education England Payments missing? Check your CQRS payments

It has come to our attention that payments for GP registrar Grants are now being shown in the same place as CQRS payments. If you are missing a GP Registrar Grant payment from Health Education England please check there before contacting NHS England or Health Education England. Apologies for the confusion.

Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Uptake (GP patients Survey) Data Collection 2017/18 (Nov)

Information from Public Health England:

Please be reminded that the (routine) Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Uptake (GP patients Survey) data collection will open on Friday 1st December 2017 for the November survey 2017/18. Please ensure that your uptake information is submitted to ImmForm.

Data should be submitted for all seasonal influenza vaccinations administered from 1 September 2017 until the end of the survey month. The data collection is for data covering all vaccinations administered from 1 September 2017 to the 30 November 2017. Please refer to the table below for collection deadlines.

GP Practices must contact your IT supplier helpline to confirm whether your automatic upload is switched on. After the automatic upload deadline (identified below as 'GP IT supplier Submit End Date' – 11th December 2017), you must log in to ImmForm to check that your practice data has submitted successfully onto ImmForm. If for whatever reason there is no data showing on ImmForm after 11th December 2017, practices will need to upload their data manually. GP practices should contact their local Screening and Immunisation team in the first instance should they require assistance (england.southwestscrimms@nhs.net). GP practices can enter data themselves up to and including Wednesday 13th December 2017 and Local Teams have access up to and including Friday 15th December 2017.

For practices who were unable to submit data last month, please ensure that your upload for this month includes all seasonal influenza vaccinations given in the period 1st September to 30th November 2017.

The user guide is attached for your reference. Section 7 (p22) of the user guide gives instructions on how to submit data manually onto ImmForm. The user guide can be found online here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/seasonal-influenza-vaccine-uptake-gp-patient-survey-data-collection>

ALL GP PRACTICES MONTHLY SURVEYS					
Survey Month	Data up to Date	Survey Start Date	GP IT Supplier Submit End Date	GP Survey End Date	AT Survey End Date*
OCTOBER	Tue 31/10/2017	Wed 01/11/2017	Fri 10/11/2017	Tue 14/11/2017	Thu 16/11/2017
NOVEMBER	Thu 30/11/2017	Fri 01/12/2017	Mon 11/12/2017	Wed 13/12/2017	Fri 15/12/2017
DECEMBER	Sun 31/12/2017	Mon 01/01/2018	Wed 10/01/2018	Fri 12/01/2018	Tue 16/01/2018
JANUARY	Wed 31/01/2018	Thu 01/02/2018	Fri 09/02/2018	Tue 13/02/2018	Fri 16/02/2018
FEBRUARY**	Wed 28/02/2018	Thu 01/03/2018	Fri 09/03/2018	N/A	N/A

** The additional experimental extract will only capture data submitted by GP IT suppliers and will not be open for manual submission.

If you have any additional queries, please contact england.southwestscrimms@nhs.net

Details of PCSE's CSC opening times and CitySprint collections

Please see the below link for details of the Christmas and New Year opening arrangements for City Sprint and CSC.

<https://pcse.england.nhs.uk/news/2017/november/christmas-and-new-year-citysprint-and-csc-arrangements/>

Technical requirements for 2017/18 GMS contract changes – version 3

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NHS Employers has updated its document setting out technical requirements for the 2017/18 GMS contract.

Removal of Earwax in Primary Care

NICE has issued new draft guidance on the removal of earwax in Primary Care which means that patients do not need to be referred to a specialist ear, nose and throat (ENT) service for the same procedure. Public consultation on the [draft guidance](#) will run until 12 January 2018.

<https://www.networks.nhs.uk/networks/news/remove-earwax-if-a-build-up-is-causing-hearing-loss-problems-nice-tells-primary-care>

Hepatitis B (new born) babies vaccination programme 2017/18

In order to accommodate [changes in the SFE](#) from October 2017, some amendments have been made to CQRS. These will be effective in CQRS from 01/11/2017

The CQRS changes are as follows:

- Indicator HEP002 - payment value of £9.80 added

- **Indicator HEP003** - payment value changed to £0.00 and description changed to clarify the indicator must be filled in but no payment is attached. *(NB this dose is now covered as part of the Childhood Hexavalent vaccines - payment for this is covered by the target payment scheme.)*
- **Indicator HEP004** - description changed to clarify that this is the completing dose.

NB in order for the payment to be made, **indicator HEP003 must be completed with a zero (0) value**. It has not been possible to remove this indicator altogether because CQRS needs all 4 indicators to be completed for the payment calculation to work.

These CQRS changes are for the remainder of the 2017/18 service only. A new CQRS service will be in effect for 2018/19.

Further information can be found on our service pages:

<https://digital.nhs.uk/GP-Collections/service-information/Hepatitis-B-newborn-babies-vaccination-programme>

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

None

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

None