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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

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Key Deadlines

CQRS declarations for payment in the same month	9 th of each month	Via CQRS
Outstanding Sickness, Maternity & Paternity claims using CF1 form	before 8th April 2018	Via email to england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net

• Items for all Practices

Infants born to Hepatitis B positive mothers – 4 week Hep B vaccination

The Screening and Immunisation Team have been alerted to a two cases where infants born to Hep B positive mothers have DNA'd and hence missed their appointment for their second (4 week) Hep B vaccination. The first vaccination is given by maternity within 24hrs of delivery. The early timing of the second vaccination at 4 weeks is critical to protect the infant from developing Hep B. Child Health are scheduling these infants but if they DNA the 4 weeks appointment please can the practice **urgently follow this up with parents** & explain the importance of immediate vaccination.

Where an infant misses the 4 week Hep B vaccination they can either (in order of preference):

- Have the Hep B vaccination at 5 weeks (then start their routine Primary Hexavalent vaccination course at 8 weeks). This will mean a total of 6 Hep B vaccinations (including their booster at 12 months)
- Or
- Start their routine Primary Hexavalent vaccination course early at 6 weeks with subsequent doses at 4 weekly intervals. In this case the infant will have a total of 5 Hep B vaccinations (including their booster at 12 months).

For further information on the local infant Hepatitis B vaccination programme please see:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/info-professional/public-health/immunisations/hepatitis-b/>

BCG vaccination – Updated list of high TB incidence countries

Please see link to **updated** list of high TB incidence countries (over 40 in 100,000) to aid your assessment of patient BCG eligibility:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/677927/WHO_estimates_of_tuberculosis_incidence_by_country_2016.pdf

to be used alongside PHE BCG vaccine update:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vaccine-update-issue-265-july-2017-bcg-special-edition>

GP Specialty round 1 re-round recruitment campaign

Applications for GP specialty training will be open again from 27 February to 15 March for an August 2018 start. Campaign activity has begun using the strapline **one career, endless opportunities, choose GP**. Your support by sharing information through your primary care channels and contacts would be appreciated so that Foundation year doctors can find out more about GP specialty training and the unique benefits of the career.

The [GPNRO website](#) includes application information, GP career stories and FAQs. Please share and like posts across social media channels using #choosegp on twitter, [Instagram](#) and [Facebook page](#). There's a toolkit on the [HEE website](#) with downloadable campaign banner, posters and flyers to use with local promotion. The GPs featured are all voluntary ambassadors and some appear in the [campaign video](#).

PCSE Update - February 18

Please find attached February's update from PCSE.

Reminder to upload seasonal influenza vaccine uptake for Patients (January)

Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Uptake (GP Patients Survey) Data Collection 2017/18 (Jan)

This is to remind you that the (routine) 2017/18 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Uptake (GP patients Survey) data collection will open on 01 February 2018 for the January survey. Data should be submitted for all vaccination administered from 1 September 2017 until the end of the survey month. Data for this collection covers **all vaccinations administered from 1st September 2017 to 31st January 2018.**

Please refer to the table below for collection deadlines.

Please ensure that you contact your GP IT supplier helpline to confirm whether your automatic upload is switched on and then after the automatic upload deadline (10th January 2018), please log into ImmForm to check that your practice's data has been submitted successfully onto ImmForm.

If for whatever reason there is no data showing on ImmForm after the 13th February, you will need to upload your data manually. GP practices should contact their local screening and immunisation team in the first instance should they require assistance. GP practices can enter data themselves up to and including Tuesday 13th February 2018 and Local Teams have access up to and including Friday 16 February 2018.

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](#).

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*
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
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If you have any queries, please contact the South West Screening & Immunisation Team
england.southwestscrimms@nhs.net.

January data collection for Influenza Vaccine Uptake in Frontline Health Care Workers is now open

Please note that the **January** data collection for the Influenza Vaccine Uptake in Frontline Health Care Workers is now **open**.

Trusts are reminded that this is a **mandatory** data collection, and failure to respond will result in Trusts being reported as non-responders.

NHS England Team are reminded that data entered into the Collection Tool does not automatically submit as aggregate data to the All Trusts survey. NHS England Team are required to submit aggregate data on GP Staff vaccinations to the All Trusts survey manually.

Please note that there were changes made on the ImmForm website, the updated user guides can be found at the links below:

Seasonal Influenza Frontline Healthcare Workers Vaccine Uptake Survey 2017/18 Guidance:	https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/645537/Seasonal_Flu_HCWs_ImmForm_User_Guide_2017-18.pdf Please find attached a summary of the inclusion and exclusion criteria for the monthly HCWs survey.
Seasonal Influenza Frontline Healthcare Workers Vaccine Uptake Data Collection Tool 2017/15 Guidance:	https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/645442/HCW_Tool_User_Guide_201718_-_Data_Collection_Tool.pdf Please find attached a summary of the inclusion and exclusion criteria for the monthly HCWs survey.
ImmForm website	https://www.immform.dh.gov.uk/

National Minimum Standards and Core Curriculum for Immunisation Training for Registered Healthcare Practitioners

Following contributions and consultation with professional organisations, training providers, immunisation experts and immunisation practitioners across a wide range of service areas, the 'National Minimum Standards and Core Curriculum for Immunisation Training for Registered Healthcare Practitioners' have been extensively revised from the original 2005 version and published together as one document. The aim of these national standards is to describe the training that should be given to all registered healthcare practitioners involved in immunisation so that they are able to confidently and competently, promote and administer vaccinations in an area that has seen significant expansion and growing complexity in recent years.

Providers of immunisation services should be aware that:

- The Section 7A 'core' service specification for the national immunisation programme states that the provider has a duty to ensure that contracted staff are competent and trained in accordance with the national standards. It also states that commissioners must ensure that the provider adheres to the requirement that 'professionals involved in administering the vaccine have the necessary skills, competencies and annually updated training with regard to vaccine administration' and that providers (employers) should make regular training and development routinely available for their staff. This requirement should also be captured in the provider contracts to ensure consistency.
- The Health and Social Care Act 2008 states 'Persons employed by the service provider in the provision of a regulated activity must...receive such appropriate support, training, professional development, supervision and appraisal as is necessary to enable them to carry out the duties they are employed to perform'.
- The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)³ state that only competent, qualified and trained professionals can use Patient Group Directions (PGDs) for the supply and/or administration of vaccines. NICE guidance on PGDs⁴ recommends that a comprehensive and appropriate training programme be provided for all people involved in using PGDs and that training and re-training of health professionals using PGDs should incorporate a post-training assessment of competency.

Local courses can be found via your LMC or practice nurse websites.

Practice Managers Development Conference, Southwest - 6 June

Building upon the success of our Practice Managers Development Conferences so far in 2017/18, we are planning to bring this opportunity to support Practice Managers Development in the Southwest of England on **Wednesday 6th June, 2018**. Please could you HOLD this date in your diaries for now and we will confirm details of the venue/agenda in next few weeks.

This **dynamic, one day conference** which will cover practical ideas for managing workload in the practice, developing your team, working at scale and growing your confidence to lead in times of change. This is an excellent networking opportunity to meet with colleagues from all over the country. Please share this information with practice manager colleagues who you think may be interested. The event is funded by the General Practice Development View and free for participants to attend. Registration link to follow shortly.

For further information, please contact: england.gpdevelopment@nhs.net.

Rural and Smaller Practice Support

PCC has been commissioned to research the challenges that are commonly faced by smaller practices, both rural and urban, as well as those faced by larger practices working in rural areas.

The subsequent report will provide information to NHS England including examples of ways of working that support these practices. It will also inform the strategies and incentives that could be made by policy makers to enable practices to make changes for the better.

Please see the below link to the survey details: <https://nhs.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fe51aa41404cfb64f7d454491&id=8b77d62fec&e=7f297646e6>

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Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment - Cornwall Council

Cornwall Council are inviting the views of residents from Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, pharmacies, General Practice and other stakeholders, including anyone else who engages with pharmacies across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly to make sure the council's 3 yearly report on the needs for pharmaceutical services of the population in its area, referred to as a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA), contains accurate information and reaches appropriate conclusions. The PNA looks at the current provision of pharmaceutical services across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly and whether this meets the current and future needs of the population, identifying any potential gaps to service delivery.

You can read the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Consultation draft, and complete their short feedback survey by visiting https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/public-health-cornwall/joint-strategic-needs-assessment-jsna/pharmaceutical-needs-assessment/?mc_cid=8123179694&mc_eid=762e916250 .

The Consultation will close on Monday 26th March 2018.