

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 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**

Be Clear On Cancer Campaign

There will be a 'Be Clear On Cancer Campaign' launching on the 22nd February until the end of March 2018.

The focus of the campaign will be on breast cancer symptoms (age-related risks and non-lump symptoms) in women over 70.

There may be a possible increase in women attending GP practices for breast related concerns over this time period.

A briefing document is attached and further support information (posters, leaflets) can find at:

<https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources>

SWS Scarlet fever increased incidence GP letter

Please see the attached letter from Public Health England South West regarding a national increase in notifications of scarlet fever.

Innovation Fund opportunity – Increasing uptake of MMR Dose 2

Public Health England has a national target to improve the current uptake of MMR dose 2 to protect the health of local children. Owing to our current uptake levels and recent outbreaks, this is a local priority in the South West and whilst we know many practices are trying their hardest to improve uptake, barriers can be in the way to really prompt and trial change. In an effort to address this NHS England are launching an Innovation fund to support MMR uptake.

This fund is available to all practices across the South West to increase the uptake of MMR dose 2 by age 5. Bids are available up to a maximum of £10,000 per practice on a one off non-recurring basis. Practices are asked to consider their current uptake and submit a proposal for how they would plan to achieve an increasing trajectory towards meeting or exceeding the target of 95% across the 18/19 financial year. The funds are non-recurring thus monies should be used to ensure that any change in practice is sustainable in the long term. Examples of good practice can be found here <https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/?s=MMR+>

Proposals should be submitted by close of play on **Monday 12th March 2018** using the attached proforma. All bids will be evaluated by a panel to include Public health commissioners from NHSE and members of the Screening and immunisation team from PHE. Please use the form and send to england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net

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