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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
Maternity, paternity, parental or sickness absence	Last working day of each month	Via email to <a href="mailto:england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net">england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net</a>
Manual QOF input achievement for the required manual indicators	by midnight on 31 March 2018	Via CQRS
Return of the Data Sharing Agreement for South West CHIS	For Devon Practices by end of March 2018  For all other South West Practices by end of April 2018	Via post to Health Intelligence, Saxon House, Moston Road, Sandbach, Cheshire, CW11 3HL OR email: <a href="mailto:supportdesk@health-intelligence.com">supportdesk@health-intelligence.com</a>

### • Items for all Practices

#### **National flu immunisation programme 2018/19 letter published**

NHS England, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and Public Health England (PHE) have published a flu letter providing information about which patients and children are eligible for vaccination in the national flu immunisation programme for 2018/19. A second letter will follow in late spring with information about frontline healthcare workers and social care workers. It is attached and can be found at: [www.gov.uk/government/collections/annual-flu-programme](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/annual-flu-programme).

For further information please contact [england.phS7apmo@nhs.net](mailto:england.phS7apmo@nhs.net)

#### **2017/18 NHS complaints data return: K041b**

Please see the attached preformatted approved letter to notify GP Practice Senior Partners and Practice Managers of the 2017/18 K041b annual complaints data collection.

GP practices will need to use the NHS England primary care website to submit the K041b data return within the collection period: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018. This letter is intended to provide advanced notification to GP practices for the collection.

Practice staff with annual declaration permissions in place will inherit the ability to view/edit/submit the K041b data return.

Contact Name and email address for any queries from GP practices: For regional teams needing advice please email [help.primarycareweb@nhs.net](mailto:help.primarycareweb@nhs.net)

## **GDPR General Practice Advisory note**

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is set to replace the existing Data Protection Act on 25 May 2018. A general practice advisory note has been put together drawing on already published guidance. The general practice advice can be accessed via this link to the Information Governance Alliance website and is also attached.

Additional information on GDPR can also be found on

- Information Commissioner's Office's website: <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/health>
- Information Governance Alliance website: <https://digital.nhs.uk/information-governance-alliance/General-Data-Protection-Regulation-guidance>

## **For the attention of all practice managers and immunisers**

### **MenACWY vaccination of current Year13 students**

Over the past three years practices have been responsible for call and recalling Year 13 students for MenACWY vaccination. The current Year 13 students (DOB 01.09.00 – 31.08.01) were originally offered MenACWY when they were in either Year 10 or 11. Unfortunately uptake in this cohort was low and uptake in the South West ranges from 40 – 75% meaning at least one quarter, and potentially over half, of your current Year 13 patients are unvaccinated.

Practice responsibility for this cohort has recently been confirmed in the 2018/19 vaccination and immunisations contracts as opportunistic vaccination. Whilst practices are not contracted this year to call and recall these patients, we would encourage you to promote the vaccination where possible to ensure these young people are protected against MenW before starting university in September. To help support this we are asking all colleges and sixth forms to send information to their students to encourage them to get vaccinated. Practices will receive £10.06 for each vaccination claimed through CQRS as part of the 'meningococcal completing dose' programme. Further information is available on <http://www.nhsemployers.org/your-workforce/primary-care-contacts/general-medical-services/vaccination-and-immunisation/2018-19-vaccination-and-immunisations>. This contract also covers the payment of vaccination for any young person who has missed MenACWY in school (Year 9 – Year 13).

Further materials such as posters and leaflets are available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/meningococcal-acwy-menacwy-vaccination-programme>. Tips from practices last year in improving uptake suggested:

- Sending reminder text messages to young people;
- Calling young people to invite them for vaccination;
- Advertising the vaccination as 'free';
- IT alerts to ensure opportunistic vaccinations are given

This is also a good opportunity to make sure young people are up to date with other vaccinations, particularly MMR. For any further information please contact the Screening & Immunisations Team on [england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net](mailto:england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net).

## **Bowel Cancer Awareness Month**

**April** is **Bowel Cancer Awareness Month** which provides a good opportunity to educate the public and raise awareness of bowel cancer symptoms

**Every 30 minutes someone in the UK dies from bowel cancer.** Bowel cancer is the **third** most common cancer in the UK and the **second** leading cause of cancer deaths. **Screening** reduces the chance of dying from bowel cancer by detecting the disease earlier when treatment is more likely to be effective.

As GPs, it is important to stay up to date with developments in the NHS Bowel Cancer Screening Programme so you can help patients make informed decisions about whether to participate in screening.

In England, **screening is offered every 2 years for men and women aged 60 to 74** using the guaiac-based Faecal Occult Blood test (**gFOBt**), which is used to collect samples from 3 bowel movements. These samples are sent to a lab and examined for hidden traces of blood in the stool. If positive, the person is invited to a screening practitioner consultation, to discuss the need for further investigations by way of a colonoscopy. Screening is also available every 2 years for older individuals on request.

**Bowel Scope Screening** is currently being rolled out in England as part of the NHS Bowel Cancer Screening Programme. This is a one-off test that complements gFOBt and is designed to prevent bowel cancer. It is offered at the age of 55 and involves the use of flexible sigmoidoscopy to look for the presence of adenomas and polyps in the sigmoid colon, rectum and anus.

**Faecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) screening** will replace gFOBt as the primary test for bowel cancer screening within the next few years. The age range for screening will remain the same. FIT is a simpler and more sensitive screening test which requires only one sample and is more user friendly.

The Royal College of General Practitioners has developed a [30-minute online bowel cancer screening course](#) which highlights the importance of the GP's role in the NHS Bowel Cancer Screening Programme.

For more information on preventing Bowel Cancer, click on <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-matters-preventing-bowel-cancer/health-matters-improving-the-prevention-and-detection-of-bowel-cancer> and <https://www.bowelcanceruk.org.uk/bowel-cancer-awareness-month/>

## **Child Health Information Services are Changing**

NHS England has commissioned the formation of the new South West Child Health Information Service (SW CHIS), which will combine the five current Child Health Information Services. The South West CHIS footprint will commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 covering most of Devon and will be

extended to the rest of the area (Cornwall, Somerset, North Somerset, Bristol & South Gloucestershire) on the 1st July 2018. The service is being provided by Health Intelligence Ltd who already provide the North West London CHIS and South East London CHIS. Please see the attached flyer which provides all of the new contact details. Also attached is a list of recommended codes for routine childhood vaccinations which practices are encouraged to review and adopt.

CHIS Data Sharing Agreements (DSAs) from Health Intelligence have been updated to take account of the imminent GDPR requirements. Some practices have asked for this to be included, so some small amendments were required to make clear the legal basis for sharing data that is compliant with GDPR. The new version of the DSA is ready and is being sent to LMCs in the Region for their comment. Apologies for the delay in sending these out to practices, we hope they will be sent out very soon after the bank holiday. As the new CHIS will be live in Devon from 3<sup>rd</sup> April, GP Practices in the county have already received a DSA and many have now signed. Any practices that have already signed a DSA will also be sent an updated version when ready.

### **Ordering of adjuvanted trivalent flu vaccine for 2018-19 (aTIV deadline 12 April and Q&A)**

Following the NHS England letter to practices and CCGs 5 February (re-attached for information) we are writing to remind you of the approaching deadline for ordering flu vaccines. The attached Q&A will answer any questions you may have about this process.

Please note that the deadline for ordering aTIV has been extended to 12 April 2018.

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

#### **Contraception and Sexual Health update**

Please see attached for Bristol and surrounding counties to inform of this years' Contraception and Sexual Health update organised by Unity Sexual Health Services in Bristol for Dr Cindy Farmer at Unity Sexual Health.

#### **PHE asks GPs to increase vigilance for measles cases in the area - Reminder**

Cases of measles continue to be reported across the South West and more recently Public Health England has seen both child and adult cases across Bristol, North Somerset, and South Gloucestershire. Public Health England is asking GPs in the area to remain vigilant for cases and take the appropriate actions:

- Notify suspected cases early to PHE to ensure rapid follow up;
- Ensure possible cases are isolated on arrival to the practice to reduce risk of infection to other patients and members of staff;
- Be prepared to offer MMR to currently unvaccinated patients on request;
- Prominently display PHE posters and leaflets on MMR vaccination for young people (links below).

Remember that it is never too late to have the MMR vaccine. Children, young people and adults who have not received 2 doses of MMR vaccine are eligible for catch up immunisations.

## Poster resources

Young people poster: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/think-measles-poster-about-measles-in-young-people>

Leaflet for young people: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/think-measles-patient-leaflet-for-young-people>

Both resources can be obtained through DH Orderline: <https://www.orderline.dh.gov.uk>

For further information or to notify cases, please contact the South West (North) Health Protection Team on 030 30 38 162 the select option 1 and option 2.

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None

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