

# 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 350 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>

## • Items for all Practices

### **Diabetic Eye Screening referral for patients with steroid induced diabetes**

The Association of British Clinical Diabetologists says that when a patient is diagnosed with diabetes due to steroid treatment they should be referred to the diabetic eye screening programme and receive routine digital screening. They should continue to have routine digital screening until the discontinuation of steroid treatment or referral to hospital eye services/digital surveillance. Therefore Practices should ensure that this group of patients are correctly coded on the GP system to ensure that the local Diabetic Eye Screening Programme is informed so they can be invited for screening. If the individual shows continued signs of diabetes following discontinuation of steroid treatment they will need ongoing routine digital screening. If there are no signs of diabetes following discontinuation of steroids they do not need screening or ongoing screening.

If screening is to discontinue they should be categorised as 'Not having diabetes/Not diabetic' and removed from the cohort.

### **Digital-first - Engagement exercise launched on the payment implications of digital-first primary care**

Digital systems will be integral to a modern, efficient and responsive health service. Well-designed digital tools are already helping to provide care and services that are convenient for patients, efficient for the NHS and which get people the right care for them as quickly as possible.

Please see attached document for further information

### **Letter to GP Practices using TPP System One – Data Breach Concerning Type 2 Opt Outs**

Please see the below link for a letter from Martin Severs, Medical Director and Caldicott Guardian, NHS regarding the above.

<https://digital.nhs.uk/services/gp-systems-of-choice/tpp-type-2-issue/tpp-type-2-issue-information-for-tpp-practices>

## **Visa Sponsor status for GPs**

The National Team have asked us to help identify any practices that currently hold sponsorship licences, so that we can match them up with any newly qualified non-EEA GPs that wish to remain in England as per the attached document.

**Given that they are due to complete their HEE training at the end of July, this is very urgent.**

Please contact Dr Liz Thomas [liz.thomas2@nhs.net](mailto:liz.thomas2@nhs.net) if your practice is able to help.

For information the UK Gov link provides information regarding UK visa sponsorship for employers: <https://www.gov.uk/uk-visa-sponsorship-employers>

Please also see the link below for a guide produced for Northamptonshire (Nov 2017) offering step by step support to practices wishing to apply for Visa sponsorship status:

[Here](#)

Please see attachment for further information

## **CQRS – Learning Disabilities Health Check Service – Action Required**

We have been advised by the CQRS team that there has been a technical problem which will delay the Learning Disability Health Check Scheme 2018/19 Q1 collection for EMIS and TPP systems. As a result, the missing data from the July collection (Quarter 1 achievement) will be collected for all EMIS and TPP practices as a mop-up, which will result in data now being available to check in CQRS from 21 July 2018. This is applicable to all EMIS and TPP practices only

Once the data is available to view, please remember to add your Learning Disabilities register size to complete the submission, the automated extraction only gives the number of health checks undertaken in the quarter. The submission will not show for declaration and payment until this has been completed. Please also ensure that you enter the correct register size (as at the end of the reporting period), incorrect data could affect payments later in the year.

We have also noted that there are still a number of incomplete submissions on CQRS for Learning Disabilities in 2017/18, please use the 'Annual Activity Summary' report on CQRS, to check the status of each submission and take the appropriate action to complete and declare outstanding submissions as soon as possible.

## **CQRS - GMS/PMS Core Contract Data Collection 2018/19**

We have been notified that, following errors found during testing, it is unfortunately not possible to extract data for the GMS/PMS Core Contract Data Collection on the scheduled date. Therefore, the data for this service will now be collected for all GP system suppliers as a mop-up extraction between 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018, and available to check in CQRS from 21 July 2018

Please note, there is no payment associated with this service, and GP practices are not required to manually enter any data in CQRS.

## **Readiness for the 2018/19 flu season – Help us to help you – FAO Practice Managers**

Last year we received a really good response from practices across the South West identifying the preparation they were putting in place for the upcoming flu season. This year, the geography that the Public Health England South West team covers has increased, and we'd like to take this opportunity to find out more about the plans that GP practices have to get ready for the 2018/19 flu season and to identify ways in which we can support you.

Your responses help us to form our plans and to find the best ways to support you to ensure that eligible patients are offered vaccination and that flu vaccination uptake continues to improve.

Link to the survey: <https://surveys.phe.org.uk/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=14KH8o763>

This survey should take around 15 minutes to complete. Please submit your response by Friday 3rd August 2018.

The member of staff at your practice who has a lead role in flu or vaccinations would be best placed to complete this survey. We want to help to identify your training needs and find ways we can support your practice to deliver flu.

If you have any queries please contact the PHE Screening & Immunisation team:

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

PHE South West Screening & Immunisation Team

## **Guidance on use of Varicella Zoster Immunoglobulin (VZIG) during current supply shortage**

GPs are advised that there is currently a shortage of Varicella Zoster Immunoglobulin (VZIG). The attached document provides advice on prescribing of both VZIG and alternative medications until the supply issue is resolved.

Please see attached document for further information. If you have any queries please contact the Screening and Immunisation Team at

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

## **GP Partnership Review – Key lines of enquiry: Call for evidence**

Please see the below link for a report setting out the current lines of thinking and asking for evidence ahead of a review to examine the challenges facing the GP partnership model.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/gp-partnership-review-key-lines-of-enquiry-call-for-evidence>

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**Cancer services directory for Cornwall**

Please see attached document containing the Cancer services directory for Cornwall