

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

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 - None

Key Deadlines

CQRS declarations for payment in the same month	9 th of each month	Via CQRS
Maternity, paternity, parental or sickness absence	Last working day of each month	Via email to england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net
Seasonal Influenza Vaccination programme sign-up	By Friday 21 st September 2018	Via email to england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net
CQRS 2018/19 Service Offers Sign-up	ASAP	Via CQRS
General Practice Extended Access Collection	3 rd – 28 th September	via the Primary Care Web Tool

- **Items for all Practices**

Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Programme for Health and Social Care Workers 2018/19

The Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Programme for Health and Social Care Workers is being offered again in 2018-19 to support the delivery of immunisations for health and social care workers who are involved in the care of vulnerable patients/clients who are at increased risk from exposure to influenza.

The service specification is available [here](#), we anticipate that further guidance regarding the coding requirements will be issued shortly and we will share once available. The PGD for Seasonal Influenza vaccinations is now also available, please see the item below.

ACTION REQUIRED: Practices are now requested to confirm whether you wish to sign-up to provide this service, please email england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net confirming your sign-up intention by **Friday 21 September 2018**, this will enable us to then offer the service on CQRS for you to be able to accept by the end of September 2018.

The service can be offered to eligible registered patients as soon as the Practice has registered their intention, by email, to provide the service.

Flu vaccination guidance

Further to the guidance issued by PHE and circulated in the Bulletin 276 on 10 August, please note the additional guidance issued by NHS England for your attention.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/flu-vaccination-programme-delivery-guidance-2018-19/>.

Please keep an eye on this bulletin, Vaccine Update and your ImmForm homepage throughout the flu season for further updates. Queries regarding vaccine supply and delivery (that have not been resolved by ImmForm or your supplier) should be submitted to england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net.

Vaccine Update – Flu Special Edition for 2018/19

The PHE Screening & Immunisations Team would like to draw your attention to the latest, special edition of Vaccine Update which includes information about the 2018/19 flu programme and has links to training slides and the newly released NICE guidance 'Flu vaccinations: improving uptake'.

The special edition includes:

- which flu vaccine to give
- NICE guidelines - increasing influenza vaccine uptake
- Greenbook Chapter 19 published
- flu vaccine ordering for the 2018 to 2019 influenza programme
- information and training for healthcare professionals
- flu vaccination invitation letters
- new resources to order
- uptake summary tool guide

You can access the flu edition of Vaccine Update here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/735928/Vaccine_Update_Flu_Special_August_2018_.pdf

Guidance to support placement of mental health therapists in primary care

New guidance has been produced to assist GPs, practice managers and commissioners who are integrating mental health therapists into primary care pathways. It flags some of the principal organisational and financial issues that need to be considered.

The guidance and accompanying media release are attached.

NHS Choices website replaced by nhs.uk

The NHS Choices website has been renamed nhs.uk and a number of improvements have been made. The information on www.nhs.uk has been made easier to read so people can use it to better manage their health and care. The design has also been improved for use on mobile devices to give people quick access to a range of services and practical health information. The website address remains the same, but you'll no longer see the NHS Choices logo on the website. It will simply retain the trusted NHS brand.

Extended Access Collection: Information for GP Practices

ACTION REQUIRED: The next bi-annual General Practice Extended Access Collection will be open via the [Primary Care Web Tool](#) for an online submission from **3 to 28**

September 2018. Every GP Practice in England is required to make this mandatory submission and it is important to note that even if your Practice does not provide extended

hours and/or Improved Access, you will still need make a 'nil return' by the deadline. NHS England has published updated [guidance](#) to assist general practice with this.

There are two sets of questions, the first on extended access (hours) offered at your own Practice and should be completed by the Practice to reflect the local arrangements for extended hours provision that is available for your own patients only. The second set of questions are similar to the first, however, the questions are about the extended access provision (improved access) delivered by a group of Practices of which the Practice is a member.

If you are new and require access, please ensure you have registered to use the primary care website here <https://www.primarycare.nhs.uk/register.aspx> and contact your NHS England regional team to request relevant access by emailing england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net

For further questions about the collection itself, for example clarification of the survey questions please contact england.biannual@nhs.net. Please note that this mailbox is only to be used for enquiries specifically relating to the bi-annual extended access collection only, and should not be used for any other data collection.

Save the date: Primary Care Conference

17 October 2018 at Sandy Park Exeter – Primary Care Conference for GPs Practice Nurses and those working closely with them across Cornwall, Devon Somerset and Dorset.

Primary Care Networks is the latest bit of jargon covering joint working between practices and with partner organisations in their local community. That is why [Refreshing NHS Plans for 2018-19](#) set out the ambition for CCGs to actively encourage every practice to be part of a local primary care network so that there is complete geographically contiguous population coverage of primary care networks as far as possible by the end of 2018/19.

Locally virtually all practices are linked into a Federation, Locality, Cluster or similar and many are working towards the Primary Care Home model. This conference will have national speakers (details to be confirmed) but most importantly will provide a networking opportunity for practices to share practical experience of joint working such as how can working in a primary care network help your practice as a business, with workload or workforce issues

More details soon but please save the date for this important opportunity to meet with other practices from right across the patch!

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

None

- **Items for North, East and West Devon Practices Only**
Virgin Care's plans for school immunisation services in Devon from September 2018

Please find further information regarding Virgin Care's plans for school immunisation services in Devon from September 2018 along with the school information pathways document for Devon. The pathways were previously circulated on 3 August 2018.

As you may be aware, following a tender process last year, Virgin Care were successful in securing the contract for the provision of the routine immunisation schedule for school aged immunisations, for secondary school aged (school leaver's booster, Men ACWY and HPV) and primary school aged (influenza), across Devon, Plymouth and Torbay. We have been the provider of secondary age immunisations across Devon for some time and will begin delivery of secondary immunisations in Torbay and Plymouth and primary aged flu immunisations across the whole area in the Autumn Term.

We anticipate delivering vaccinations to students within your area in the following time frames:

Term 1	September – HPV 1
Term 1	October to December – Primary school aged flu
Term 2	January to February – HPV 2
Term 2/3	March to May – Td/IPV & Men ACWY
Term 3	May to June - Catch up visit to schools for all vaccinations missed

In addition Community clinics will be held 4 times per year at locations across Devon, Plymouth and Torbay for any children not able to be seen in school.

Please note there may be circumstances where it is not possible to vaccinate a child in school or in our community clinics and in these cases we would be referring the student to your surgeries for immunisation.

We will continue to follow the School Immunisation Pathway set by Public Health England to support joint working by Immunisation Teams and Primary Care

If you have any queries or questions please contact the Immunisation Team on: 0333 321 9884 or email: VCL.ImmunisationPHN@nhs.net.

- **Items for South Devon and Torbay CCG - CCG Delegation**
Light

Please see item under North, East and West Devon Practices.

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

None