

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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Key Deadlines

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| Annual GP Practice Electronic Declaration (E-Dec) 2018/19 | 5 th December | Via the Primary Care Web Tool |
| CQRS 2018/19 Service Offers Sign-up | ASAP | Via CQRS |
| 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 For BNSSG practices, via email to bnssg.pc.contracts@nhs.net |

• Items for all Practices

Cases of Mumps in Students that attend University of Exeter

PHE have recently observed 5 cases of mumps in students that attend the University of Exeter. We would like to ask for your help to raise awareness of mumps within your practice and encourage students to check their vaccination history. To be properly immunised you need two doses of MMR – if students are not sure of their vaccination history they should check with their doctor – or student health service. As usual, any suspected diagnosis of mumps should be reported to PHE by calling **0300 303 8162** or sending a [Notifiable diseases: form for registered medical practitioners](#) to swhpt@phe.gov.uk

NHS screening programmes : information for GPs and practice staff

General practice are being urged to support patients to access screening programmes and to obtain their results with updated guidance from Public Health England. The guidance includes information about population screening programmes in England, links to patient information leaflets, training aids and contact details for the screening helpdesk. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-screening-programmes-information-for-gps-and-practice-staff>

National HIV Testing Week

National HIV Testing Week (NHTW) starts on 18 November 2017. The purpose of the week is to promote regular testing among the most affected population groups and to reduce the rates of undiagnosed people and those diagnosed late.

HIV testing is crucial. It identifies those who are undiagnosed, avoids late diagnosis for the patient's own benefit and avoids onward transmission to others.

In total one in eight people does not know that they have HIV. Early diagnosis = normal life expectancy (PHE, 2016). Late diagnosis leads to a tenfold increase of death within one year (PHE, 2016). Those who are undiagnosed spend an average of three to five years unaware they have the virus (PHE, 2017).

Free resources and videos to download for screens in patient waiting areas are available from [HIV Prevention England](#)

Prevent article

Please see the attachment titled Prevent article

Learning from Incidences

Please see attached learning for Primary Care identified via the NHSE Primary Care Quality and Sustainability Hub meeting. The practice involved generated a Significant Event Audit (SEA) even though the incident was reported by secondary care.

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

BNSSG CCG delegation of primary medical services

Further to the message last week regarding BNSSG CCG picking up delegated responsibilities, we would wish to clarify that Somerset CCG has not (as yet) picked up delegated responsibilities

EMIS automatic flu vaccine uptake data upload to Immform - Issues Reported

Unfortunately Flu vaccine data for some practices in Somerset, North Somerset, Bristol and South Glos has not automatically uploaded to Immform this month. We suggest that you check to see if your practice has been affected.

The deadline for automatic uploads is 9th November, however if your data has not been automatically extracted you are able to manually upload your data until the 15th of November.

If you have any questions please contact Immform via their helpline on 0844 376 0040 or Annette from the Screening & Imms team; annette.mchardy@nhs.net

We would also suggest that you contact EMIS to ensure that the issues are resolved and your data is extracted as normal next month.

- **Items for North, East and West Devon Practices Only**

None

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

Light

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

Transfer of RCHT Cervical Screening Service Update

As you will be aware we are currently in the process of decommissioning the RCHT Cervical Screening Service with samples in future being sent to either the Exeter or Bristol Labs based on GP Practice location. We can now confirm the changes are due to go live on 20th November 2018 – further communications and new sample bags will follow direct to your Practice