

# 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

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| Annual GP Practice Electronic Declaration (E-Dec) 2018/19 | 5 <sup>th</sup> December       | Via the <a href="#">Primary Care Web Tool</a>   |
| CQRS 2018/19 Service Offers Sign-up                       | ASAP                           | Via CQRS  |
| 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><br>For BNSSG practices, via email to <a href="mailto:bnssg.pc.contracts@nhs.net">bnssg.pc.contracts@nhs.net</a> |

### • Items for all Practices

#### Annual GP Practice Electronic Declaration (eDec) 2018/19

The eDec submission for 2018/19 is now open for submissions until **5 December 2018**. Please note that this is a mandatory submission for all Practices, via the [Primary Care Web Tool](#), and practices should ensure that this is completed by the deadline.

Please ensure that you are able to access the Primary Care Web Tool, and have the appropriate permissions to be able to complete the eDec submission, as soon as possible. If you do not have the adequate permissions, please email [england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net](mailto:england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net) and we will add them to your registered account.

#### GMC consultation on Consent Guidance

The General Medical Council (GMC) is seeking views on its updated guidance document "Decision making and consent: supporting patient choices about health care". Please follow this [link](#)

#### Future providers appointed for the nationally prescribed Diabetic Eye Screening programme

Following a robust procurement process, NHS England has appointed the following future providers of the nationally prescribed Diabetic Eye Screening programme across the South West:

- Cornwall – Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust
- Devon (including Plymouth & Torbay) – Health Intelligence Limited
- Somerset – Somerset Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
- BNSSG (Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire) – Bristol Community Health

The future services starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019, will build on the existing high quality programmes that local people with Diabetes already receive with a strong emphasis on grading quality, access and supporting as many people as possible to take up the screening as part of their wider diabetes care.

Patients will notice very few changes; the diabetic eye screening programme is still an NHS screening service and will continue to run to the same national guidelines, maintaining the high standards expected.

NHS England South West (South) is currently working in partnership with the four providers to plan the next steps in mobilising the future services taking the opportunity to review and improve processes as required whilst planning quality improvements.

Providers will be in touch with General Practice colleagues shortly to introduce themselves and confirm working arrangements.

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

None

- **Items for North, East and West Devon Practices Only**  
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### **Reminder: 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 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – further communications and new sample bags will follow direct to your Practice.