

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

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

Recommended vaccines for 2019/20 seasonal flu vaccination programme

Please see the attachment titled: 20181120 Gateway 08529 Vaccines for 201920 seasonal flu vaccination programme

IMMDS review

The Independent Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Review (IMMDS) is investigating 3 medical interventions where patients have reported problems and suffered serious harm. These are pelvic mesh implants, Primodos and hormonal pregnancy tests, and sodium valproate (Epilim or Depakote). Full details can be found on [their website](#). The Review wants to make sure any individual or family affected by these three interventions is aware of its work and can make contact or provide evidence.

They are therefore asking Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) to distribute a poster to GP practices and community pharmacies so that it can be displayed prominently for members of the public to see, and if possible to feature it on the CCG website. The poster is available in two forms: [print-sized version](#) or [e-version](#). For further information, please contact the IMMDS Review communications team at reviewcomms@luther.co.uk or on 0207 618 9189.

Special Allocation Scheme (SAS) (Formally - Violent Patient Scheme (VPS) & Tackling Violence Scheme (TVS))

In compliance with the Primary Medical Care Policy and Guidance Manual (PGM) of November 2017, a new national Special Allocation Scheme (SAS) was developed to replace the local Violent Patient & Tackling Violence Schemes, to standardise the schemes nationally.

As of 19 February 2018 all practices making an application to place a patient onto the SAS are to complete the following procedure:

Removal of patients from your practice list -

(<https://pcse.england.nhs.uk/services/registrations/>) To request removal of a patient from your practice list, please complete the form which can be downloaded [here](#) and email it to: pcse.patientremovals@nhs.net

This form and email address should be used for immediate removals for patients who need to be referred to the Special Allocation Scheme and for standard eight day removal requests.

For immediate removals, the incident must have been reported to the police and a police incident/crime number needs to be provided to PCSE within seven days. Immediate removal requests will be processed by PCSE within 24 hours of receipt of the form.

The Practice is required to also send a report to NHS England within 24 hours but no longer than 7 days from the date of application to PCSE via the attached form (Special Allocation Scheme Violence Reporting Form) to NHS England via email to England.primarycaremedical@nhs.net

Where the Practice was unable to provide a police incident number initially; the practice will be asked to include this in the report, under the contractual requirement for reasonable requests for information.

Extended Hours Arrangements Over Christmas and New Year

Further to the letter that was sent to Practices on 12 November 2018, regarding winter plans and arrangements for primary medical care services, please be advised that any requests to change the usual provision of extended hours provided under the DES over the Christmas and New Year period should be made to NHS England by emailing england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net no later than **7 December 2018**. Please ensure you provide details of your usual provision that you are requesting to amend and when you plan to re-provide as appropriate.

Cyber Security

Please be aware that a member of staff at a GP Surgery has reported receiving a phone call from an individual claiming to be the 'NHS IT team'. They claim that they are calling about an automated alert that they have received regarding a 'device' and they need to organise for someone to come out and have a look at it.

This is a scam call, we ask that you remain vigilant and remember to please be careful if you receive an unexpected email or telephone call, even if at first it appears to come from someone/an organisation you may know.

How to Avoid

- Please ensure that an extra vigilance is required around the websites you are visiting.
 - Never click on hyperlink(s) included within the confines of an email, especially if the link is included in an email from an unknown sender.
 - Never open email attachments you're not expecting so extra vigilance is required for the identification of fake emails with attachments such as zip files including files with extension .7z.
 - Report any suspected phishing/spam email to NHSmail at spamreports@nhs.net
 - If you suspect your computer has become infected with a virus then unplug the network cable, turn off your Wi-Fi or power down your computer and immediately report the suspected infection to IT service desk.
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