

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

Annual GP Practice Electronic Declaration (eDec) 2018/19

As you will be aware, the eDec return for 2018/19 is open for submissions until **5 December 2018**. Thanks to the majority of practices who have already completed this. 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 and we will add them to your registered account.

Consultation on a review and update of CCG guidance on items which should not be routinely prescribed in primary care

NHS England continues to partner with NHS Clinical Commissioners (NHSCC) to support clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) in ensuring that they can use their prescribing resources effectively and deliver best patient outcomes from the medicines that their local population uses. A [national public consultation](#) has been launched on proposals to update and review commissioning guidance on eight more products (including cardiac medication, consumables for patients with diabetes and treatments for eczema and acne) that cost the NHS more than £68 million. In the majority of cases there are other more effective, safer and/or cheaper alternatives available to the items that NHS England is recommending should not be routinely prescribed in primary care. The consultation runs from 28 November 2018 until 28 February 2019. Details of public consultation events can be found [here](#).

CQRS Data Amendments and Declarations

This is a reminder that all data amendment requests must be made using the attached CQRS Data Amendment Request Form. To reduce the number of emails back and forth and delays in processing the amendment request please ensure all information is completed on the form.

Important Considerations:

- If the extracted data on CQRS is not as you would expect, and you have not been able to identify the reason and resolve, you need to raise the issue with your clinical system supplier (as they undertake the search and extract the data) to investigate

and resolve prior to the next data extraction. The reason(s) identified should be detailed on the data amendment form

- By declaring the submission under the 'Achievement' tab, the Practice is declaring that the activity reported is correct
- Once a submission has been declared under the 'Achievement' tab, it cannot be cancelled/deleted or returned to you. We will need to make the appropriate data amendment and then the submission will be available under the 'Achievement' tab for you to re-declare
- Once a submission has been financially approved it cannot be amended, so you should not declare unless you are certain that the submission is correct, or unless otherwise agreed
- We do not routinely undertake reconciliations (full year or a number of months) of activity and payments, you should be checking the data extracted is correct and requesting data amendments as appropriate, on a regular basis
- The majority of data amendments requested are due to coding issues, please refer to the Technical Requirements (available on the [NHS Employers Website](#)) for details of the coding that must be used for each service to enable the data extraction to be undertaken

Learning Disabilities

Please remember to add your Learning Disabilities register size (in the bottom box) under the 'Data Submission' to complete the submission, the automated extraction only extracts the number of health checks undertaken in the quarter. The submission will not show for declaration until this has been completed.

Please also ensure that you enter the correct register size (as at the end of the reporting period). If the cumulative count of health checks undertaken is greater than the Learning Disabilities register size entered for any specific quarter, CQRS will calculate a zero payment. If you have entered the register size incorrectly, do not declare the submission, please use a data amendment form to request a correction, incorrect data entry could affect payments later in the year.

HEE funding for the Perinatal mental Health GP Spotlight Champion Project

Please see the attachment titled RCGP Perinatal Mental Health GP Champion Project – Advert

HPV vaccination for boys

Following an updated statement and advice by the Joint Committee for Vaccination and Immunisation, the minister for public health [announced on 24 July 2018](#) that the existing HPV immunisation programme for teenage girls would be extended to boys. NHS England Commissioners are currently working in liaison with Public Health England to determine the delivery of the programme with Section 7a negotiations and timelines still being scoped. Current planning is for the programme to be extended to include boys, aged between 12 and 13, from Sept 2019 but please note that as this is still pending commissioning, the HPV vaccine is not yet available for boys.

There are no plans to offer older boys (i.e. those currently aged 13-18) the vaccine on a "catch-up" basis. The high uptake of HPV vaccine among girls over the last ten years has reduced the prevalence of the types of HPV that the vaccine protects against. This means that the risk of unvaccinated boys and girls coming into contact with HPV viruses, and passing them on, is far lower than before the programme started in 2008. The number of diagnoses of genital warts in England has also fallen sharply in both girls and boys since the vaccination programme started, suggesting that boys are already benefiting indirectly from the girls' programme through 'herd protection'. Further information will be cascaded in due course.

Important update - redirecting confidential patient information

Please see the attached document titled Redirecting confidential patient information

Primary Care Digital Transformation Event

Tuesday 4th December 10:00-13:00 OR 13:45-15:30 Sandy Park Conference Centre, Exeter, EX2 7NN

The Primary Care Digital Transformation team would like to invite you to a morning or afternoon session on Tuesday 4th December to learn more about Digital Transformation within Primary Care.

You can choose the stream that is most appropriate to you, see below for the options. If you wish to attend more than one stream, you can attend in both the morning and afternoon at no cost.

Morning streams

1. Clinical education | We will focus on the clinical benefits which can be derived from the implementation and use of new and emerging technologies in general practice. Speakers include Dr Ralph Sullivan from the RCGP and Dr Ruth Chambers who is Staffordshire STP's clinical lead for technology enabled care services and digital workstream.
2. Commissioning engagement | Have your voice heard - this is an interactive session: the new *GP Information Technology Operating Model* is scheduled for publication in April 2019. This session hopes to draw out the opinions of the audience which will then be used to inform the final model.

Afternoon Streams

3. The digital future | With a significant proportion of the population regularly using smart phones, tablets and computers, the NHS is developing tools and resources to empower the individual. This session will provide an update on the new NHS App, NHS Login and the updated NHS.UK.
4. Questions and answers | We are offering one-to-one and specific topic-led discussions in the afternoon. Please indicate on the booking form any issues you wish to discuss and we will attempt to cover everything we can.

[Click here to reserve your free place](#)

Flu vaccinations (Fluad®) for over 65s: Update

Practices should have received their final supply of the adjuvanted trivalent flu vaccine (aTIV/Fluad) in November, completing the 40/20/40 split delivery schedule across September, October and November – and running staggered clinics around this delivery schedule.

The current advice to practices who do not have stock of aTIV is to direct the patient to a community pharmacy which does have stock. Patients aged over 65 years should receive the most effective vaccine for their age group which is the aTIV. These patients should not receive the QIV except under exceptional circumstances. We would like to remind practices to liaise with their local CCG regarding any aTIV stock concerns.

At the end of September, the MHRA relaxed the guidance for the movement of aTIV between practices provided the cold chain remains in place. Therefore practices with excess aTIV stock are able to share this with other practices requiring more stock. Your local CCG is holding information regarding any practices with excess stock.

Please be reminded that if you have excess stock of aTIV please do not return this to the manufacturer, even if you have a sale or return agreement in place. There are practices in need of additional aTIV and any stock returned to the manufacturer will be destroyed.

Please alert your local CCG to your excess stock and they will put you in contact with local practices in need.

Further information can be found in the Public Health England [FAQ document](#)

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None

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

Innovative domestic abuse and sexual violence programme launches in Devon and Torbay

A national programme to help GPs identify patients experiencing domestic abuse or sexual violence and refer them to specialist support services is being rolled out across Devon and Torbay.

Identification and Referral to Improve Safety ([IRIS](#)) is a successful GP-based domestic abuse and sexual violence training and referral programme developed and coordinated by the [social enterprise, IRISi](#).

It's the first of its kind in Devon and Torbay and will see domestic abuse and sexual violence specialists (known as IRIS Advocate Educators) work in partnership with local clinical leads to co-deliver training and support in up to 50 general practices across Devon and Torbay.

The [IRIS programme](#) is aimed at helping clinicians identify women aged 16 years and over who are experiencing domestic violence and abuse from a current or ex-partner or adult family member and to offer them a referral to an Advocate Educator. It also helps to ensure that men who are affected by domestic violence and abuse can access support. [More...](#) Numbers of practices per IRIS cluster are limited. For more information about IRIS in your area please contact the local team directly:

- East Devon: IRISexeterandeastdevon@SplitzDevon.org
- Northern Devon: IRISnortherndevon@SplitzDevon.org
- South Devon and Torbay: IRISsouthdevonandtorbay@SplitzDevon.org

For more information about the rollout of IRIS across the whole of Devon and Torbay, please contact Susannah Hunter, Public Health Programme Manager:

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

None