

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

2018/2019 Dispensary Services Quality Scheme submission	11 January 2018	Via email to england.pharmacysouthwest@nhs.net
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

Message for all Dispensing Practices Participating in the 2018/2019 Dispensary Services Quality Scheme

The first self-assessment/declaration of compliance with key aspects of DSQS and submission of documentary evidence is due by close of business on **Friday 11 January 2019**.

Please remember that all the requirements of DSQS need to be met for the practice to qualify for payment. Failure to satisfactorily complete any element, including not undertaking enough DRUMs (even by only one or two) or not submitting the DSQS paperwork by the deadline could result in the practice not receiving any payment.

If you have any queries regarding DSQS please email england.pharmacysouthwest@nhs.net

Sharing the learning from existing primary care networks: series of webinars

NHS England is hosting a series of webinars for anyone working within primary care and the wider NHS, focusing on the benefits, impacts and development of primary care networks. The webinars will provide an update from the national primary care network programme, share examples of work already in progress across the country, and offer a chance to ask questions and find out more about next steps in relation to the development of primary care networks.

Dates commence from 6 December and a full list can be found at the following link: www.england.nhs.uk/pcn

For further information, or to put forward any questions ahead of the webinars, please contact england.PCN@nhs.net

GP Practice Invoice Fraud Alert

We have received notification from the Counter Fraud team that GP practices in the South West have and still are being targeted in Invoice Fraud scams. Please see the attached alert which provides further information.

Fax Machines

Please see the below announcement regarding the banning of the NHS from buying fax machines from January 2019 and a complete phase out by 31 March 2020. No further details have been shared at this point and any such information received will be shared as appropriate. Link [here](#)

Why GPs are allowed to share patient data with diabetic eye screening services

A new post, “Why GPs are allowed to share patient data with diabetic eye screening services” has just been published on the PHE Screening blog.

This blog article provides reassurance of the lawful basis for GP practices to share patient records with diabetic eye screening providers using the GP2DRS IT system.

The General Practice to Diabetic Retinopathy Screening (GP2DRS) system automates the sharing of patient information between general practices and local diabetic eye screening (DES) services and more details can be read in the post [here](#)

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None

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

None

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Kernow Local Medical Committee leaflet for GPs and practice managers

Kernow Local Medical Committee has produced a new leaflet for GPs and practice managers to raise awareness and understanding about its role, work and how to get involved. You can view the leaflet online [here](#). A copy is attached titled Kernow-LMC-A4-DL-Leaflet-Web. Copies are available on request by emailing rich@kernowlmc.co.uk

Kernow Health CIC to continue delivering School Aged Immunisation Programme through to 2023

Following completion of a recent procurement process, NHS England is pleased to announce that Kernow Health CIC has been awarded the contract to deliver School Immunisations in Cornwall until at least 2023. This will build upon the excellent service they have established locally since 2016 delivering Flu, HPV, Meningitis ACWY and TD/IPV to school aged children predominantly in a school setting.

The school immunisation programme is defined nationally and will continue to run to national guidelines, maintaining the high standards expected and working closely with schools. There is a strong focus on supporting as many children and young people as possible to take up the immunisation offer and in turn helping protect population health. For any queries regarding the School Aged Immunisation Programme please contact 01872 221105.