

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 2019	Via email to england.pharmacysouthwest@nhs.net
Flu data upload	16 th January 2019	Via portal.immform.dh.gov.uk
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
Devon Cornwall & Somerset: Updates to GP vacancy information on website	20 th each month	Please e mail updates to: england.swpcrecruitment@nhs.net
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

Recording medicines prescribed by hospital (or other) prescribers on the primary care patient record

NHS England recently received notification of an incident in which a medicine being prescribed for a patient by their consultant was also prescribed by their GP in error. The patient received and took a double-dose for a period of time before falling ill and being admitted to hospital.

The patient's consultant was prescribing clozapine and amisulpride for them, which was dispensed by a hospital pharmacy. The amisulpride prescription was added to the patient's record at the practice as a normal repeat medication, and a prescription was subsequently issued. The dispensing pharmacy that supplied medication for the patient in a compliance aid (dosette box) queried this new prescription with practice staff. The non-clinical staff that took the call confirmed that it was a new medicine and was to be dispensed. The patient then took the medication in their compliance aid along with the medicines prescribed by their consultant.

It is good practice to record medicines that patients are receiving from other prescribers in the clinical system, but it must be clear that these are not to be issued by the patient's GP unless there are exceptional circumstances. This ensures that primary care staff have an up-to-date record of all of the medicines a patient is taking, and that this is shared with others via the Summary Care Record or when sharing a summary on request. As an example in EMIS they are listed in the current medication screen, but in a separate 'hospital only' section from which they cannot easily be issued in error.

A range of guides on how to perform this task are published online by colleagues in Manchester:

[Management of Red Listed Drugs in Primary Care](#) (includes TPP, INPS, EMIS, and Microtest)

GP vacancy information on NHS England Website

We are working on an interactive prospectus for GP recruitment in Devon Cornwall & Somerset to use alongside existing International GP Recruitment information. To keep it

updated we would like to include a link to the vacancies list we keep on the NHS England [website](#).

In order to keep the vacancy information current there will be on-going reminder added to the Bulletin deadlines box for practices advise us of any updates re vacancies by 20th of the month so we can update the website by the end of the month. Please email GP vacancy updates to england.swpcruitment@nhs.net

Government publishes FAQs on State Backed Indemnity for General Practice

Here is the [link](#) to the latest FAQs

Webinar for GPs and other prescribers on 'Items which should not be routinely prescribed in primary care'

As part of the [latest consultation on items which should not routinely be prescribed in primary care](#), NHS England and NHS Clinical Commissioners are hosting a webinar (online meeting) to outline proposals for updated CCG guidance, including more-effective, safer and/or cheaper alternative items. It will provide GPs and other prescribers with an opportunity to ask questions and share their views on the proposals.

Date: Wednesday 16 January 2019 Time: 2pm–3pm Please visit the [NHS England website](#) to book your place.

2018 School Immunisations pathways

Please find enclosed for your reference contact details for all school immunisation providers as we move forward from the main flu programme into the secondary school programmes including HPV, MenACWY and Td/IPV. Providers are still taking enquiries regarding flu vaccines so please do share this with receptionists, front desk staff and practice nursing team so they can direct families appropriately.

Reminder to upload seasonal influenza vaccine uptake for Patients and for Frontline Healthcare Workers (September – December 2018)

Please refer to the attached document titled '*Flu data upload reminder 4th Jan*' for details on how to submit December seasonal influenza vaccine uptake data. The data collection period opened on 1st January and will remain open until 16th January 2019.

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

None

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

None

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

Additional community clinics for children who have missed their school aged flu vaccination

Please find attached additional community clinics for children who have missed their school aged flu vaccination. Please direct parents to this opportunity.

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

None