

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

Immform GP patient flu vaccination uptake survey	15 th February 2019	Via Immform
Vaccine Storage Audit Tool	18 th February 2019	Via vaccine storage audit tool
Submission of annual end of year pension certificates	28th February 2019	Via PCSE
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 email updates to: england.swpcruitment@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

NEW: HPV primary screening implementation guidance and protocols, NHS Cervical Screening Programme

PHE has released the HPV primary screening implementation guidance which covers:

- roles and responsibilities
- service reconfiguration
- screening tests
- quality assurance
- training
- protocols for screening
- protocols for referral to colposcopy
- centralisation of screening laboratories

Of particular interest are the two flow diagrams, the first is the HPV cervical screening protocol and the second, colposcopy management. All three documents can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cervical-screening-primary-hpv-screening-implementation>

Gabapentin and pregabalin will be scheduled as Controlled Drugs from April 2019

The NHS England South West Controlled Drugs team have published a [newsletter](#) to explain what this means for prescribers, and dispensers.

For more information contact england.southwestcontrolleddrugs@nhs.net

Agenda and booking link for PCN event 20 March

Please see the attached PCN regional events agenda.

Keith Willett Letter on EU Exit preparations

Please see the attached letter from Professor Keith Willett, EU Exit Strategic Commander and Medical Director for Acute Care & Emergency Preparedness. At present Primary Care providers do not need to take any action following receipt of this letter, however we would ask that they note the appropriate contact details.

Mental Capacity Act Code of Practice - Call for Evidence

The Ministry of Justice Mental Capacity Act (MCA) policy team has recently issued a call for evidence to gather views and comments on the forthcoming revision of the MCA Code of Practice. Please find a link to the call for evidence below and an FAQ attached.

We would be grateful if you could use your networks to share this link as widely as possible, as we would like to use as much feedback as possible to shaping the revised Code of Practice.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/revising-the-mental-capacity-act-2005-code-of-practice-call-for-evidence>

Revised rent claim form

Please find attached a revised rent claim form for all Q85 practices (Somerset & DCIOS) only. This must be used in place of any existing claim forms as a matter of urgency to comply with Premises Cost directions.

Vaccine Storage Audit Tool: REMINDER

Many thanks to those practices that have already completed the vaccine storage audit tool (<https://surveys.phe.org.uk/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=74KII68LL#>). Unfortunately there have been technical problems with the Survey provider. We are hopeful that these will be resolved soon. If you have previously been unable to complete the survey please do try again. In light of these difficulties the tool will now remain open until Monday 25th February and we would be grateful if all practices could work through each of the questions in the tool and submit a completed version. If you are not following national cold chain guidance action must be taken in order to be compliant.

The tool should be used in conjunction with Immunisation Against Infectious Diseases, (The Green Book 2006), chapter 3, Storage, distribution and disposal of vaccines and the DH Protocol for ordering, storing and handling vaccines (published 30/09/2010) available [here](#) If you have any queries, please contact the Public Health England South West Screening & Immunisation Team at england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net.

CQRS - This message is for TPP practices only – Issue Identified Impacting the Seasonal Influenza 2018/19 Service Extractions

TPP have advised that there was a technical problem with the TPP collection (affecting collections for September, November and December 2018 achievement data) for the Seasonal Influenza 2018/19 extract. It does not affect the October collection.

The issue relates to the logic TPP have applied in their reports for a specific age range of individuals. This may have resulted in under-reporting of the total number of patients. The issue affects the following payment indicator counts:

Description of payment indicator affected	Indicator ID
Monthly count of the number of eligible patients, identified as at risk, where the risk is clearly demonstrated by at least one clinical code in the patients record, who have received a second dose of seasonal influenza vaccine given by the GP practice in the reporting period. (Eligible patients are aged 6 months to 8 years on 31 March 2019, excluding patients aged 2 and 3 years as at 31 August 2018).	SFLU007
Monthly count of the number of eligible patients, identified as at risk, where the risk is not clearly demonstrated by at least one clinical code in the patients record but is identified by the clinical code “requires influenza virus vaccination”, who have received a second dose of seasonal influenza vaccine given by the GP practice in the reporting period. (Eligible patients are aged 6 months to 8 years on 31 March 2019, excluding patients aged 2 and 3 years as at 31 August 2018).	SFLU009

TPP have now fixed this issue for the remainder of the 2019 Seasonal Flu collections.

Action Required for TPP Practices:

The payment impact is very small and therefore these data collections will not be re-run. Practices should check their September, November and December 2018 achievement and if an adjustment is required, complete a Data Amendment request form and send to england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net.

CQRS - Erroneous messages in the CQRS system

We have been advised that Practices are receiving erroneous task messages requiring manual submission for achievement in CQRS. This is because of incorrect extraction period settings being set by NHS Digital; this error has now been corrected and practices should refer to the live extraction timetable for extraction and manual entry dates.

Details of CQRS services, including the live collections timetable can be found on the GP Collections website: <https://digital.nhs.uk/GP-collections>

• Items for Bristol, North Somerset, Somerset and South Gloucestershire Practices Only

Somerset practices only - SPQS

NHS England and Somerset CCG have been piloting a GP quality incentive scheme, Somerset Practice Quality Scheme (SPQS) since 2014. This offers a local alternative to the national Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF), which is part of the nationally negotiated GP contract.

The aims of SPQS were to promote person-centred integrated care and to improve the sustainability of general practice. The pilot has been shown to have some success in both these aims. On the other hand it has also had an impact in some practices on the quality of data which has compromised the value of national datasets in respect of Somerset.

The national review of QOF which reported last summer took into account the aims and experience of the Somerset pilot. The recommendations of the national review have been taken forward through the GMS contract negotiations between the BMA and NHS England.

As the national GP quality incentive scheme will be seeking to achieve the same benefits as the local pilot, NHS England and Somerset CCG have agreed that Somerset will return to the national scheme from 1 April 2019. A local alternative to the national QOF will therefore not be commissioned in Somerset in the 2019/20 financial year. The CCG will be supporting providers of GP services in Somerset to improve the quality of data as they return to the national scheme.

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

None

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

None

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

None