

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

CQRS declarations for payment in the same month	9 th of each month	Via CQRS
CQRS sign up to QOF for 2019/20	by 29 March 2019	Via CQRS
Ensure you have signed up to 2018/19 QOF	by 29 March 2019	Via CQRS
QOF input of manual indicators	by 31 March 2019	Via CQRS
Ensure clinical system data is correct	by 31 March 2019	Via CQRS
Maternity, paternity, parental or sickness absence	Last working day of each month	Via email to england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net

• Items for all Practices

Annual Flu letter

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), NHS England, and Public Health England (PHE) have published a flu letter providing information about which adults and children are eligible for vaccination in the national flu immunisation programme for 2019/20.

The letter is attached and has been published here

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/vaccine-ordering-for-2019-20-influenza-season-letters/>

Primary Care Web Tool Website

Please be aware that we have recently received the below message regarding the closure of the Primary Care Web Tool website and the creation of new alternatives. We would encourage practices to ensure that appropriate staff are registered to use the new websites as necessary as per the instructions below:

Dear Colleague,

You are receiving this message because you are a registered user of the NHS England primary care website www.primarycare.nhs.uk. We are writing to inform you that the website will be closing on the 31st of March 2019.

The data collections and indicator visualisation services which are contained within are moving to new websites. As from 1st of April you will need to take action to register with the following new websites to continue to access these important indicator benchmarking and data collection services.

- **For indicator benchmarking services:**

The **General Practice Indicators (GPI)** and the **GPIT Digital Maturity Index Assurance Indicators** will both be moving into a new website: www.primarycareindicators.nhs.uk . This website will include a new national quality improvement dashboard which will be further developed in time to include additional presentation of measures and indicators at Primary Care Network (PCN) and Integrated Care Systems (ICS) levels. This will provide an ideal dual benefit opportunity for GP practices and commissioners to not only to continue to use GPI and GPIT indicators but also to be able to view and use new and emerging PCN and ICS measures when they become available within. Similarly, ICSs and PCNs will also be able to view and use General Practice Indicators.

As from 1st of April please register to obtain a new user account so you can login and access content in the new primary care indicators website: www.primarycareindicators.nhs.uk . We anticipate General Practice Indicators and GPIT Digital Maturity indicators being visible within as from 1st of May 2019.

If you experience any difficulties with registration or for any future support using the GPI or GPIT indicators please contact the new website enquiry support help desk by email to nelcsu.npphdsd@nhs.net.

- **For general practice data collection services:**

As from 1st of April the general practice data collections which remain active and have been occurring within the primary care website will be managed by NHS Digital.

GP practices will similarly need to register to obtain a new user account with the data collection systems managed by NHS Digital, by using the following links:

- For the general practice annual electronic declaration (**eDEC**) and the general practice complaints collection (**K041b**) please register for a new user account by using this website: <https://datacollection.sdcs.digital.nhs.uk/>
- For the general practice workforce census, from the 1st of April please register for a new user account to use the National Workforce Reporting System (**NWRS**) via this website: <http://www.nwrs.nhs.uk/>

If you experience any difficulties with registration or for any support with general practice data collections eDEC, K041b or NWRS please contact NHS Digital Customer Contact Centre by email to enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk

We thank you for using the NHS England primary care website and we wish you well for the future.

Kind regards
NHS England Primary Care Website help desk

Care Quality Commission Fees for 2019/20

Changes to the fees that the CQC will charge providers of health and adult social care in England for the year 2019/20 have now been confirmed and will take effect from 1 April this year. Details can be found via the CQC website:

<https://www.cqc.org.uk/news/stories/care-quality-commission-fees-201920-confirmed>

Controlled Drugs Newsletter

Please see the attached NHSE SW CD Newsletter.

Event: NHS Finance for General Practice - South West

A free event for general practice colleagues who are involved in finance and want to learn more about how NHS finance works in England.

Delegates will have the opportunity to attend practical workshops on finance processes, enabling them to take learnings back to their organisations, plus they will also be able to get involved in interactive and discussion-led sessions throughout the day.

Full information on the event, including the draft agenda and how to book here:
<https://www.futurefocusedfinance.nhs.uk/event/nhs-finance-general-practice-south-west>

New Information Available on the Models of Care Portal

A very successful Primary Care Network event was held on Wednesday 20 March at the Exeter Racecourse. The event was over-subscribed and over 200 delegates participated on the day.

Videos and presentations from the main speakers have been loaded onto the Models of Care Portal and colleagues are welcome to register to access this site

www.modelsofcare.co.uk

Link to PCN event videos and presentations:

<https://modelsofcare.co.uk/resources/view/232>

Information is also available on the Portal about the new GP Contract, to show how the key changes will be implemented over the next three years:

<https://www.swahsn.com/2019-GP-Contract-Timeline/>

For any support relating to the Models of Care Portal please contact: Andrea Melliush, Operations Manager, Models of Care Portal Andrea.Melliush@swahsn.com T: 01392 247903 ext 204 M:07539256856

Quality and outcomes framework (QOF) 2018/19 extraction and calculations

Please see attached document which contains important information about the Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF) 2018/19 extraction and calculations.

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

None

- **Items for Somerset Practices only**

Delegated Commissioning 01/04/19 – Somerset CCG

Somerset CCG are taking on fully delegated commissioning responsibilities from NHS England with effect from 1st April 2019 and have previously sent out some information to their member practices.

From the 1 April 2019, Somerset GP practices should contact the CCG directly for any contractual queries or concerns in connection with the delegated functions being operated by the CCG. All queries should be directed to Somccg.generalpractice@nhs.net in the first instance.

The current NHS England email address (England.primarycaremedical@nhs.net) will remain active and should still be used to contact NHS England for any queries relating to 2018/19 or their responsibilities under fully delegated commissioning arrangements e.g. public health commissioned service.

Over the last few months NHS England has facilitated a number of education sessions to support a smooth and effective transfer of responsibilities. There are however still some functions that NHS England will continue to operate on behalf of the CCG until the necessary confidence is in place to satisfy a safe transfer e.g. payments.

- **Items for Devon Practices Only**

Fully funded healthy eating support scheme available to Type 2

Diabetics and pre-diabetics in Plymouth

Ahead of Diabetes Prevention Week 1-7 April, which is focusing on Type 2 Diabetes prevention we wanted to share the following information about a local Plymouth scheme which may be beneficial to some of your patients.

People living with diabetes will get an extra healthy helping hand as part of the Plymouth's Grow, Share, Cook 'Diabaters' project.

50 Patients in 2018/2019 and a further 50 patients in 2019/2020 living in Plymouth could enjoy healthier food on their plates, thanks to the Connected Communities Innovation Fund. The scheme uses volunteers to grow fresh fruit and vegetables, develop community gardens and distribute food, as well as hold healthy cookery sessions.

Participants will be invited to attend 3 cooking sessions during the year and a free fortnightly bag of fresh vegetables to help maintain a healthy diet. As part of the Cities of Service Network, Plymouth will help people living with diabetes eat more healthily and cook with confidence.

Partners in Grow, Share, Cook include Tamar Grow Local, Food Is Fun, and Plymouth Community Homes. You can [read more here](#).

Contact the project coordinator Zoe Nile to find out more - 07948 407683 or Zoe-nile@outlook.com.

Please see the attached flyer to find out more about encouraging Type 2 Diabetic and pre-diabetic patients to sign up to this free scheme.

Delegated Commissioning 01/04/19 – Devon CCG

Please see attached information on the new arrangements for delegated commissioning from Monday 1 April 2019.

- **Items for Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Practices only**
Together for Families: Bringing the Council's children's services together

From 1 April 2019 Cornwall Council's integrated education, health and social care services will have a new identity. Please see the attached Together for Families document.