

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

Identity checking for GP online services

NHS England has produced a step-by-step guide that will help GP practices to go about checking patients who want to access GP online services. Please access the guide [here](#)

Sanofi Pasteur Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine (split virion, inactivated) supplied as Vaxigrip Tetra

Information received from the national PHE Immunisation team:

Due to higher demand for Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine (split virion, inactivated) (QIV) than anticipated, Sanofi Pasteur have obtained approval from the MHRA to supply a batch of stock which is in Standard Export packaging. This batch is comprised of single packs which are labelled with Lot number R3K781V with an expiry date of 31/08/2019.

The product supplied in the Standard Export packaging is identical to the Sanofi Pasteur Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine (split virion, inactivated) product apart from the packaging and the tradename. On the Standard Export pack the tradename is 'VaxigripTetra'.

The current national IM Influenza PGD and Pharmacy Influenza Vaccination PGD are not tradename specific and so can continue to be used to administer this product.

This list of Influenza vaccines for the 2018-19 season will be updated shortly to include reference to this batch variation (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/influenza-vaccine-ovalbumin-content>). Please contact the manufacturer directly to order additional QIV stock.

Please be reminded that the latest guidance from the MHRA has allowed for the movement of both QIV and adjuvanted trivalent influenza vaccine (aTIV) between practices, and so you continue to be able to share stock with local practices where some may have surplus stock of QIV or aTIV, while others - that have had higher than anticipated demand for vaccination - may need additional supplies to those ordered. It is the responsibility of the sending and receiving practices to ensure that the cold chain is maintained to ensure vaccine effectiveness and safety.

The Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has a role in regulating medicines supply. Normally, medication can only be passed between providers where a wholesaler licence exists, however the MHRA has confirmed that with regards to the QIV and aTIV flu vaccines, it would not prevent supply under the given circumstances of "in short supply" or "no supply" available provided that:

- the surgery that is holding the excess stock can give an assurance that the vaccine has been held properly in the correct temperature controlled conditions;
- confirmed record keeping of temperature monitoring is available;

- the surgery that requests the QIV or aTIV is able to verify the assurances given;
- the vaccine can be transported appropriately under the right conditions.

If you have further queries regarding the movement of flu vaccines, please contact your local CCG flu representative or email england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net

NHS mental health care for veterans

Please see the attached leaflet which details the dedicated mental health services available for service personnel approaching discharge from the British Armed Forces and veterans. All veterans are entitled to priority access to NHS care (including hospital, primary or community care) for conditions associated with their time within the armed forces (service-related)

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