

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

Briefing on the roll out of FIT testing for bowel cancer screening

Please see the attached briefing titled 220119 Briefing for GPs8 (BH 29.01.19)

Perinatal Mental Health GP Champion – Training Opportunity

We currently have seven GP Champions in the South West for Gloucestershire, Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG), Devon and Cornwall, who have received training to deliver educational sessions on Perinatal Mental Health.

By supporting our GP Champions to run these sessions in your practice, you will enable your primary care colleagues to take part in a health training programme that will enable them to be competent and confident in the recognition, treatment and support for women with perinatal mental health problems.

An example of what these educational sessions will cover:

- What is perinatal mental illness and why is it important?
- Current barriers to effective management in primary care
- Case based discussions
- Top tips for your own practice

For more information please contact Rebecca Vermeer Rebecca.vermeer@nhs.net to set up a training session with your local PMH GP Champion.

Are you interested in becoming a Perinatal Mental Health (PMH) GP Champion?

NHS England and the South West Maternity Clinical Network recognise the importance of GPs in improving care for those women and families affected by Perinatal Mental Illness (PMI) and the need to better involve GPs across the care pathway.

The project is being co-ordinated by the NHS England Perinatal Mental Health team in partnership with the South West Perinatal and Infant Mental Health network plus other South region clinical networks. There will be an initial training day for all recruited GP

Champions across the South region led by Carrie Ladd, GP and former RCGP Clinical Champion in Perinatal Mental Health on Tuesday 5th March 2019 in central London (venue TBC). Following this session there is flexibility in the delivery of the training, so these can be scheduled to fit in with GP Champion normal working schedules. It is anticipated that this role will be achievable in the equivalent of 1 session per week (4 hours) over a 5 month period, which will be paid with a reasonable fee.

We currently have five spaces to train GPs as PMH GP Champions in the following localities: 1 x Devon, 2 x Somerset, 2 x BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW)

If you're interested in applying please see the job description and note the closing date of 12 February 2019.

Final Immform GP patient flu vaccination uptake survey for 2018-19 is now open

The final Immform flu vaccination survey for 2018/19 will open on Friday 1st February 2019. This survey is the final official collection of flu vaccination uptake data and will include all flu vaccinations given between 1st September 2018 and 31st January 2019 to eligible patients. There are two patient surveys; GP Main Collection and GP Child Collection. This data is reported and published nationally. All practices should ensure that their flu vaccination uptake data is uploaded before the final Immform closing date of 15th February 2019.

Where possible, we would encourage you to ensure that your uptake data is submitted automatically by your IT system supplier. You can contact your system supplier to check that your automatic data extraction is activated. Automatic data submission will close on **11th February 2019**. Please log in to Immform after this date to check that your data has been uploaded successfully and accurately. If your data is missing or incomplete, you will have until the final closing date of the **15th February 2019** to submit your data manually. Thanks to the hard work of practices, the response figures for the December data collection were really good - only 2 practices across the South West did not submit data.

The Public Health England South West Screening & Imms Team has provided a guide to uploading your data. Please have a look through the information attached and if you have any further queries please use the contacts below.

To enable your automatic data extraction: please contact your IT system supplier

For Immform access and difficulties in submission: Immform Helpdesk: 0207 183 8580 or helpdesk@immform.org.uk

For other queries: PHE South West Screening & Immunisation Team: england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net

Ceasing from the NHS Cervical Screening Programme

Following a number of recent incidents whereby women who have undergone total hysterectomy and no longer have a cervix have been re-called for cervical screening we felt a reminder to GP Practices about the process for ceasing from cervical screening was required to reduce the likelihood of this recurring.

General Practice are responsible for informing Primary Care Support England (PCSE) of patients who are no-longer eligible for cervical screening. No other healthcare provider can initiate this process. Therefore, when a GP Surgery is informed that a patient no longer requires cervical screening they must inform PCSE via the electronic form available on the [PCSE website](#). The form should be returned as per the instructions on the PCSE website.

The website also has appropriate forms for patients requiring/requesting deferral from screening, ceasing due to informed consent, ceasing due to lack of capacity (MCA) as well as reinstating into the screening programme.

Patients who are not correctly ceased from screening will continue to be re-called as per the NHSCSP requirements, and this can cause unnecessary distress and concern to patients who have previously been advised that they no longer need to attend for cervical screening. As well as confusion for the cervical sample taker if a patient attends for screening and does not have a cervix.

Vaccine Storage Audit Tool: Reminder

Many thanks to those practices that have already completed the [vaccine storage audit tool](#). The tool will remain open until Monday 18th 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

Save the date: Primary care networks: transforming care for local communities

Wednesday 20 March 2019. Exeter Racecourse. 10.00 am -16.00

We are working with national colleagues to organise a follow-up to the successful Primary Care Network event held in October for the South West South (Cornwall, Devon, Dorset and Somerset). The programme and speakers are currently being finalised

NHS England is hosting a second series of regional events focusing on primary care networks and their potential change the way that services are delivered at a local level to benefit individuals and communities. The event will provide an update on the national primary care networks programme, in the context of the Long Term Plan, latest planning guidance and GP contract, and provide an opportunity to discuss current progress with PCNs locally, including examples from the local and/or national area.

The events are aimed at a broad audience involved in Primary Care Network development, general practice providers, primary care providers, plus the wider stakeholder group including partner organisations and commissioners. Booking details will follow shortly

Invite: South West Clinical Networks - Annual Conference 2019 (Thursday 7 February 2019)

For further details and to register please see the link [here](#)

Social prescribing news release

Please see the attached news release regarding Social prescriber link workers

Last chance to get an AF-detection device from SW AHSN

If you are interested in having an AF detection device in your GP surgery, please email suzy.taylor@swahsn.com by 8 February. For more information please see the attached information.

ECDC survey of healthcare workers knowledge and attitudes about antibiotic use and resistance

You are invited to complete the ECDC survey of healthcare workers knowledge and attitudes about antibiotic use and resistance which is now live [here](#)

The survey closes 14 February 2019.

Previous studies have mostly focused on the general public and medical students, highlighting a gap in the understanding of these topics by healthcare workers and by other health students.

ECDC and Public Health England (who have been commissioned to develop and implement the survey across Europe) are seeking 10,000+ responses from healthcare workers, including doctors, nurses, pharmacists and hospital managers as well as clinical scientists, physiotherapists, nursing assistants, dental/pharmacy technicians, public health teams and healthcare students. For further information please see the attached document

NHS England and GPC Five-year Framework for GP Contract

NHS England and the GPC have published a five-year framework document setting out planned changes to the GP contract. Further details and the document can be found at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/gp/gp/v/investment/gp-contract/>

QOF 2018/19 – Cervical Screening

We have been advised by CQRS that some practices might be using Read and CTV3 code 685.. ‘Cervical neoplasia screening’ as an administrative code or problem heading to manage cervical screening recalls. This Read/CTV3 code ‘685..’ was not included in the code cluster SMEAR _COD for QOFv38.

The Read and CTV3 code 685.. ‘Cervical neoplasia screening’ is in the preventative procedures chapter and has been mapped to the SNOMED term 171149006 ‘Screening for malignant neoplasm of cervix’ which is in the cancer screening hierarchy in SNOMED. There are some other Read and CTV3 codes that also map to SNOMED code 171149006. The table below shows Read/CTV3 codes that are mapped to SNOMED code 171149006 ‘Screening for malignant neoplasm of cervix’.

Scheme	Code	Synonym	Term	SNOMED Concept	SNOMED Term
CTV	ZV762		[V]Screening for malignant neoplasm of cervix	171149006	Screening for malignant neoplasm of cervix
CTV	685..		Cervical neoplasia screening	171149006	Screening for malignant neoplasm of cervix
RCT	ZV762	0	[V]Screening for malignant neoplasm of cervix	171149006	Screening for malignant neoplasm of cervix
RCT	685..	0	Cervical neoplasia screening	171149006	Screening for malignant neoplasm of cervix
RCT	685..	11	Cervical cytology screen	171149006	Screening for malignant neoplasm of cervix
RCT	685..	12	Cervical smear screen	171149006	Screening for malignant neoplasm of cervix
RCT	6859	11	Cervical cytology examination	171149006	Screening for malignant neoplasm of cervix

The terminology team and clinical advisors have been consulted and asked for the mapping to be reviewed, and it was agreed that these maps are appropriate. The methodology to undertake the mapping from Read and CTV3 to SNOMED, plus an extensive quality assurance process, has been overseen by a number of national GP clinical leads and terminology experts and validated by the Joint GP IT Committee. The mapping tables have been signed off as clinically safe for the transition of historical data.

On this basis 171149006 'Screening for malignant neoplasm of cervix' has been included in the cluster SMEAR_COD for QOF v41 (Payment QOF 2018-19). The effect of this is that records with 685.. 'Cervical neoplasia screening' will now be reported for QOF v41. If the QOF cluster is used to support cervical smear recall then patients who have a record where 685.. has been used as an administrative code may appear to have had a smear and could be missed from smear recall.

We would therefore request that practices check for this code in their records so that if they are using it for administrative purposes, rather than to show the smear has taken place, then they will need to update their records for the end of year. The SNOMED code 714971000000104 | Cervical smear screening administration | which is a 'heading' code could be used instead.

Further information to support users can be found on the SNOMED implementation in Primary Care site. Some useful links can be found below:

Home Page - SNOMED CT IMPLEMENTATION IN PRIMARY CARE -
https://hscic.kahootz.com/connect.ti/t_c_home/view?objectId=299987&exp=e1

SNOMED CT Mapping Lookup:

- READ V2 -
https://hscic.kahootz.com/connect.ti/t_c_home/view?objectId=407588&exp=e1
- CTV3 -
https://hscic.kahootz.com/connect.ti/t_c_home/view?objectId=407556&exp=e1

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None