

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.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

General Practice Transformation Champions event - 28th March 2019

We are pleased to announce that the [General Practice Transformation Champions conference](#) will be taking place on the 28th March in London.

This free conference is aimed at those involved in leading improvement and transformation in general practice and provides a packed day of practical insights into how practices and networks around England are sustaining and transforming general practice. Attendees will hear about:

- Transforming Primary Care through the development of Primary Care Networks
- How new roles and ways of working are helping General Practice workload
- Time for Care and the broad impact of the programme including released time
- Coaching programmes and the benefits gained

An essential day for senior GPs, practice managers and primary care leads supporting transformation and the General Practice Forward View.

You can register for the conference [here](#) and we look forward to seeing you on the 28th March.

Rescheduling of Gabapentin and Pregabalin as Schedule 3 Controlled Drugs Briefing Note

Please find document attached

Advice Notice on EU Falsified Medicines Directive (FMD)

Please find letter attached

General Practice Premises Clinical Waste Claims

Please be aware that it is the responsibility of the commissioner to reimburse for the collection and disposal of General Practice premises clinical waste **only**. The provision of sundry items such as coloured waste sacks or sharps bins used internally within the practice are the responsibility of the practice (Your waste company will normally provide the practice with replacement sharps bins at the time of collection, but if the practice need to increase the number of sharps bins this would be for the practice to fund).

Vaccine Storage Audit Tool: Apology & 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 had thought that these problems had been resolved but understand that there are still some intermittent problems with loading the survey. 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

The South West Senate Assembly Annual Conference 2019 - Held on Thursday 7 March, at The Mercure Exeter Rougemont Hotel, Exeter

Would you like the chance to network with robots, clinicians and commissioners from across the South West?

The South West Clinical Senate is excited to announce the Clinical Senate Assembly's Annual Conference which takes place on 7th March 2019 at the Mercure Exeter Rougemont Hotel. Research, data and experience are three types of knowledge being explored by expert speakers including comedian and bestselling writer, Adam Kay, Director of Policy at the Nuffield Trust, Candace Imison and Lead Delivery Manager at NHS Digital, Nicola Gill.

Astrophysicist and ED specialist Dr Kevin Fong will be kickstarting the day's events where you will have the opportunity to walk in a patient's shoes and hear the latest examples of research improving healthcare in our local area!

The day will feature numerous networking opportunities and we look forward to celebrating a great year for the South West Clinical Senate Assembly.

If you haven't already, book your place [here](#).

For more information please contact James Sanders on james.sanders1@nhs.net

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

Young People's Specialist Substance Misuse Treatment Service

The service will be moving to new premises on 1 March 2019. Please find attached a poster with further details.

Perinatal Mental Health (PMH) Champion

Further to the item including in our bulletin on 1 February expressions of interest are still being sought from GPs in Somerset for the GP Champion posts available. Please see the attached advert for further information. The closing date for applications is 20 February 2019.

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

Referral and access to specialist gender identity clinics in the South West

Please find attached two documents explaining the referral process;

Trans referral guidance final.pdf

Referral and access to specialist gender identity clinics in the South West.pdf

General Practice Premises Clinical Waste Claims in Devon

When making a claim for reimbursement (claim form attached), please be mindful that the following information is included:

- Supplier Invoice Number – this is not the practice account number or a reference number (this will be found on the invoice from the clinical waste provider).
- Correct Claim Period e.g. 1/01/2019 - 31/03/2019
- The postcode of all sites that the claim covers must be included and not just the main practice site.
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The requested information will ensure that we are able to process practice reimbursement claims in a timely fashion.

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

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