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About this bulletin

To minimise the number of emails sent to practices, NHS England and NHS Improvement – South West 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 affecting payments, as well as updates on issues relating to GP contracts. We recognise that CCGs with delegated authority may also issue information to practices regarding their areas of specific responsibility, however, the bulletin remains relevant to the practices in those areas in terms of the public health areas for which NHS England and Improvement remain responsible.

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

2019-20 Enhanced Services Sign-up	By Friday 3rd May 2019	Via form to england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net
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

- **Items for all Practices**

Vaccinations in Pregnancy – Influenza and Pertussis: Clarification of GP responsibilities for delivery

Recirculating this document from May 2018 to remind GP practices in particular, please do not cease to offer pertussis to pregnant women, they can choose between taking up the vaccine at their practice or at the hospital, and sometimes the hospital cannot provide a service that meets their need. Practices are paid an item of service fee via CQRS for vaccinations administered to pregnant women.

If there are any questions regarding the programme, please direct them to england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net

The role of General Practice in offering vaccination to pregnant women

The offer of a vaccination through maternity services increases patient choice and does not change the requirements of the enhanced services for the seasonal influenza or pertussis (pregnant women) vaccination programmes. Therefore, all pregnant women should still be invited and may choose to receive the service via their GP practice. Maternity services will continue to signpost women to their practice if they have not been able to offer a vaccination or if any woman indicates that would be her preferred provider.

Why are vaccinations being offered through maternity services?

Historically the uptake of flu and pertussis vaccination in pregnant women has been low. Due to the significant risk posed to pregnant women and their unborn child if they contract influenza and the risks associated with whooping cough in neonates, the need to increase uptake in this group has been emphasised nationally and all maternity providers are being encouraged to offer vaccination. Offering these vaccinations through maternity services increases patient choice and decreases the need for additional appointments in order to access vaccination services.

Maternity service model

Because maternity services across the South West vary in size and delivery model they are rolling out this programme in different ways. Generally, they are prioritising making an

offer at antenatal scan appointments initially because this is well attended by the majority of pregnant women. This service should be viewed as an additional offer of vaccination with the intention of increasing access and uptake, particularly targeting harder to reach women, as opposed to a replacement for the existing service offered by practices. All maternity providers in Devon, Cornwall and Somerset are now offering this service. Providers in Weston, North Bristol Trust and University Hospitals Bristol expect to commence offering pertussis in June 2019 and an update will be provided soon.

Data recording

When a maternity provider vaccinates a pregnant woman they are, as a minimum, required to send the following information to the practice where the woman is registered within seven days:

- the patient's name, address, date of birth and NHS number
- the date of the administration of the vaccine
- the applicable Read V2, CTV3 or SNOMED CT code, as below:

	Read V2	CTV3	SNOMED CT
Patient is currently pregnant	621	621	77386006
Seasonal influenza vaccination given other healthcare provider	65E20	XaZ0e	
Seasonal influenza vaccination given by midwife			1066171000000108
Pertussis vaccination in pregnancy given by other health care provider	65560	XacJ4	956971000000108

- any adverse reaction to the vaccination and action taken/recommended to manage the adverse reaction
- reason for patient being identified as eligible for vaccination

Please note that it is very important that practices appropriately code that the patient is currently pregnant, as well as the fact they have been vaccinated. Practices should enter this information on to their clinical system in order to reduce the risk of double vaccination. Providers are being encouraged collaborate with local practices to maximise the use of electronic and automated methods of updating the GP clinical record.

All providers should update the patient hand-held notes. Pharmacies can also offer vaccination against influenza to pregnant women and the hand-held notes are the single universal record that can reduce the occurrence of duplicate vaccination.

If there are any further questions regarding the programme please direct them to england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net.

Immunisation reminder – young people in year 10 – letter to be sent by CHIS. For information.

The Child Health Information Service (CHIS) have been commissioned to send the attached letter to all young people in school year 10 on the CHIS system who do not have a complete immunisation history, by way of a failsafe.

South West Perinatal and Infant Mental Health Clinical Network – Improving Quality and Consistency for Perinatal and Infant Mental Health in Primary Care

The RCGP GP Spotlight Project has launched in the South West and is now available to better support GPs, their practice staff as well as Health Visitors and Midwives to be competent and confident in recognition, treatment and support for women with perinatal mental health problems. This networking and training event is being made available to support the spread of understanding and identification of Perinatal Mental Health conditions. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

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