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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

ACTION REQUIRED: CQRS – 2019/20 Service Offers

The following services for 2019/20 have been offered on CQRS, in line with your enhanced services sign-up return. If you have not yet returned your Enhanced Services Sign-up 2019-20 form please do so as soon as possible and the following service offers can then be made as appropriate:

- Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccination 2019/20
- Pertussis (pregnant women) vaccination programme women 2019/20
- Shingles (catch up) vaccination programme 2019/20

Please note, the following are additional services and must be accepted unless you have opted out of the Additional Services of Vaccination and Immunisations section of your contract:

- Rotavirus (routine childhood vaccination) 2019/20
- Shingles (routine) vaccination programme 2019/20
- Hepatitis B at risk (newborn) babies vaccination programme 2019/20
- Meningococcal B (Men B) vaccination programme 2019/20

Please log in to CQRS and accept these services as soon as possible to ensure that you are included in the automated extractions. If the first automated extraction is missed, you will need to make a manual submission for April activity, you will be included in the subsequent automated extractions.

If you wish to confirm whether you have accepted the service offers, please go to the 'Participation Management' tab, change the Quality Service Status to 'Approved'.

PCSE May GP Bulletin

Please see the attached May edition of the PCSE GP Bulletin. The bulletin is also available on the PCSE website: <https://pcse.england.nhs.uk/news/>

NHS Hospitals and GP Practices to get Fibre Optic Internet

All NHS organisations will get the fastest broadband available, which will improve the range and quality of digital healthcare services offered of patients.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/nhs-hospitals-and-gp-practices-to-get-fibre-optic-internet>

National Flu Letter for the 2019 - 2020 season

Please see below the link to the National Flu Letter for the 2019 - 2020 season. There will be a further letter released in relation to health care workers.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-flu-immunisation-programme-plan>

The letter was previously circulated on 29 March. Today we are seeking to remind you to please note the change below in regards to payment and reimbursement:

The Influenza and Pneumococcal Direct Enhanced Service (DES) specification will be revised to specify that in order for practices to receive payment for vaccination and reimbursement of the vaccine that they will need to use the specific flu vaccines recommended in NHS England guidance.

Time for Care – support for general practices extended

[The Time for Care programme](#) is part of the support available through the General Practice Forward View. It helps general practice teams manage their workload, adopt and spread innovations that free up clinical time for care, and develop skills and confidence to lead local improvement. The programme of support has now been extended and will continue to be available to general practice teams.

GP PAG Bites Issue 2

Please see attached the 2nd Issue of GP PAG Bites.

PCC's insight newsletter

Please see the below link to PCC's insight newsletter which may be of interest to GP contractors

https://www.pcc-cic.org.uk/sites/default/files/articles/attachments/pcc_insight_feb_2019_web.pdf

Reminder: Target payments in respect of childhood immunisations – one-off opportunity to submit claims for quarters missed

Please see attached

Items for Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Practices only

ACTION REQUIRED: 2019-20 Public Health Enhanced Services Sign-up

As you will be aware, your CCG now has delegated commissioning responsibility and they will be therefore be commissioning the Directed Enhanced Services in 2019-20. However, NHE England retains the commissioning of the Public Health immunisation and vaccination services.

Thank you to all the Practices who have returned their Enhanced Service sign-up for the prompt response, it is much appreciated.

Please find attached the Enhanced Services sign up form for 2019/20, to sign-up to provide Public Health Directed Enhanced Services commissioned by NHS England for the 2019/20 contract year. Please follow the directions and complete the '2019-20 Enhanced Services Sign-Up Form (Public Health Services)' form attached, which has been designed to be filled in and returned via email electronically and in excel format:

- Select your practice code from the drop down list this will populate the other boxes
- Select your choice from the drop down lists in the offered boxes
- Annotate your name at the bottom of the form
- Click on our email address link, this will launch an email with your Practice code automatically in the subject, you can then attach your completed form

Please return your completed form to us no later than **Friday 3 May 2019**.

Items for Somerset Practices only

Please see '**ACTION REQUIRED: 2019-20 Public Health Enhanced Services Sign-up**' in Items for Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Practices only

Items for Devon Practices only

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Please find attached the Enhanced Services sign up form for 2019/20, to sign-up to provide both Primary Medical Care and Public Health Directed Enhanced Services commissioned by NHS England for the 2019/20 contract year. Please follow the directions and complete the '2019-20 Enhanced Services Sign-Up Form (Kernow)' form attached, which has been designed to be filled in and returned via email electronically and in excel format:

- Select your practice code from the drop down list this will populate the other boxes
- Select your choice from the drop down lists in the offered boxes
- Annotate your name at the bottom of the form

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As the Extended Hours DES is only until 30 June 2019, after which it becomes part of the Network Contract DES, we will not be asking Practices to confirm their provision arrangements. However, Practices should ensure that they are providing the minimum of 30 minutes per 1,000 patients per week.

May Bank Holidays - Monday 6 May and Monday 27 May 2019 are bank holidays and normal bank holiday arrangements should be in place to ensure that patients can access primary medical care during this period. Where Practices would usually provide Extended Hours under the Directed Enhanced Service (DES) on any of these days, it is our expectation that the Practice will notify NHS England as soon as possible, via england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net, to inform of the planned re-provision of hours to another day within the two week period around the bank holidays to help meet demands. Please also consider how to ensure your patients are informed in advance, by utilising patient communications and the practice website.

Please note, for the Network Contract DES there is also a registration form to complete, which will be sent to you by the CCG, for completion by 15 May 2019.

If you have any queries please email england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net

Kernow Enhanced Services & Minor Surgery claim form

Apologises there was a missing formula in the last form sent out, please use the revised edition attached.