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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

CQRS declarations for payment in the same month	9 th of each month	Via CQRS
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Maternity, paternity, parental or sickness absence	Last working day of each month	Via email to england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net
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Items for all Practices

ACTION REQUIRED: CQRS – 2019/20 Service Offers

The following services for 2019/20 have now 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. If you have already submitted your Enhanced Services Sign-up 2019-20 form please do not resend, if you have a query about CQRS service offers please email england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net:

- Meningococcal ACWY vaccination 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:

- Pneumococcal, Haemophilus influenzae type B and Meningitis C 2019/20 (PCVHibMenC) 2019/20
- MMR aged 16 and over vaccination programme 2019/20
- HPV completing dose (Booster) vaccination 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. Please note that there will be two automated extraction taking place concurrently in June to extract the Meningococcal ACWY, one of which is a mop up of April activity due to the delay in availability of the service.

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'.

Are you ready for the NHS App?

GP practices will be connected by the 1 July 2019. NHS Digital has published guidance for practices to brief their staff, prepare their systems, and tell their patients about the App once they are connected. <https://digital.nhs.uk/services/nhs-app>

Audit Requirements for the General Medical Services (GMS) Contract

NHS England has published the 2019/20 Guidance and Audit Requirements for the General Medical Services (GMS) contract.

This guidance provides information about the new and amended GP contractual requirements for 2019/20 and the enhanced services (ES) commissioned by NHS England.

In addition, we have published a “Ready Reckoner”. This document has been produced by NHS England in partnership with the BMA’s General Practitioners Committee and is intended to provide an indication of the changes in income streams that may affect a General Medical Services (GMS) practice from 1 April 2019.”

The documents can be found at: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/gp/gpfv/investment/gp-contract/>

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. We apologise that the link in the last bulletin did not work. Please use the below link for further details:

<https://nhs.uk/sharepoint.com/sites/thehub/SitePages/Time-for-Care-support-for-general-practices-extended.aspx>

Items for Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Practices only

None

Items for Somerset Practices only

Rates and Water Reimbursement Forms

Please see the attached new forms for Somerset for Rates and Water.

Items for Devon Practices only

Clinical Waste

Please kindly note, due to the delegation of Primary Medical Care to Devon Clinical Commissioning Group, all clinical waste reimbursement claims for 1st April 2019 onwards need to be sent to the CCG for processing - devon.primarycare@nhs.net

All claims relating to prior 1st April 2019 will continue to be processed by NHS England.

Items for Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Practices only

None