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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Items for all Practices

Cervical Screening Innovation Fund
The South West Cancer Alliances are working with Public Health England and NHS England and NHS Improvement to improve the current uptake of cervical screening which has been steadily declining.

Practices are being invited to apply to the Cervical Screening Innovation Fund for financial support to develop local projects to increase the uptake of cervical screening in women aged between 25 and 64 years in their area. The attached letter and proposal form provides further details for your information. If you wish to apply, please send your bid to england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net – the closing date for bids is 12th July 2019.

Adding Folic Acid to Flour: Public Consultation
Plans to add folic acid to flour in the UK could prevent up to 200 birth defects a year, according to government public health advisors who have launched a consultation to get views on their proposal to add folic acid to flour.

Guide on Biosimilar Medicine Updated
NHS England has issued an updated guide on the role of biosimilar medicines in the NHS
https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/what-is-a-biosimilar-medicine/

Opportunity to shape support for people with atrial fibrillation
NHS England and NHS Improvement Specialised Commissioning are hosting South West events at the end of July (2019) for cardiac surgeons, cardiologists, GPs and community colleagues who support people with atrial fibrillation (AF). The day will include information from experts in AF ablation followed by an opportunity to influence the development of new models of care aimed at reducing the risk of AF recurrence, Stroke, MI, vascular dementia and other co-morbidities.
Based on the current evidence base we expect to be able to reduce the costs for general practices associated with AF by reversing AF and reducing activity related to follow-up appointments, monitoring of Warfarin and prescribing tasks for NOACs etc. This is your chance to influence delivery of services and effect positive change in your own area.

The events are being held in two venues in The South West to allow practitioners to attend the one that is closest geographically, but also taking into account the patient pathways and referrals you are involved in. We have space for 10 GPs at each event, with places offered are on a first come, first served basis. Hence, we encourage those who register to attend to consult with fellow GPs in their primary care network so they can bring concerns and ideas from the wider group when they attend.

**North of South West;**
23rd July, opening at 09.30 for tea and coffee, event starts promptly at 10.00 and will finish at 15.00, held at Bristol and Bath Science Park, Dirac Crescent, Emersons Green, Bristol, BS16 7FR
Details on how the venue can be found is in the link immediately below;
[https://www.bbsp.co.uk/find-us](https://www.bbsp.co.uk/find-us)

**or**

**South of South West;**
25th July, opening at 09.30 for tea and coffee, event starts promptly at 10.00 and will finish at 15.00, held at Buckerell Lodge Hotel, Tophsam Road, Exeter, Devon, EX2 4SQ
Details on how the venue can be found is in the link immediately below;
[https://www.buckerelllodgehotel.com/how-to-find-us](https://www.buckerelllodgehotel.com/how-to-find-us)

To register, please email Nina Vinall (NHS England and NHS Improvement Transformation Delivery Manager for Trauma and Internal Medicine for South West) by close of play on Friday 28th June at nina.vinall@nhs.net

**New International & UK Imms Schedule tool**
Public Health England have published an International and UK Vaccination Schedules comparison tool for use in general practice.

[UK-and-international-immunisation-schedules-comparison-tool](https://www.bssp.co.uk/find-us)

This tool is intended to help staff in general practice to:

- ascertain what vaccines individuals moving to England from abroad have received
- record those vaccines in their IT system

It contains, for each of the 20 countries individuals most commonly immigrate to the UK from, the vaccinations schedule, the name of the diseases/vaccines in the local language and, where available the vaccines used in the countries of origin.
Have You Registered for National Workforce Reporting System (NWRS)?

On the 1 April 2019, the National Workforce Reporting System (NWRS) moved no longer being part of the Primary Care Web Tool (PCWT). To support this move, an email was sent to all registered NWRS users in the GP practices asking them to create a new user account and password.

Please register to use the to the NWRS and to review and update the workforce data, thereby ensuring the accuracy of workforce reporting as contractually required, by no later than the 28 June 2019. This is in order to meet the deadline for the next data extraction which will take place on the 30 June 2019.

If you cannot locate the original email to register to NWRS you can follow this link or contact NHS Digital by email, referencing 'NWRS Access Request' in the subject field and clearly stating the practice(s) that they work for including the L-code.

If previously registered with the Primary Care Web Tool you can complete the registration to the NWRS simply by completing the registration form at this link. This will automatically grant you access to the Data Entry module where you can review and update your records.

However, if you have not registered with the Primary Care Web Tool you will need to send an email to enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk referencing 'NWRS Access Request' and request access to the data entry module, clearly stating which practice(s), including the ODS/Practice code, you require access for.

Further information and guidance is also available on the NWRS web page, or they call on 0300 303 5678.

If you have any queries please direct them to england.oicpcam@nhs.net

Health Heroes Awards 2019

We would like to encourage practices to consider whether they wish to nominate members of their team for the above awards. If you would like to nominate an unsung hero, who deserves recognition for their hard work and dedication, you can find out more or nominate by visiting skillsforhealth.org.uk/ohh. The below message is from Skills for Health who are running these awards.

Launched earlier this year, the awards are run by our team at Skills for Health, sponsored by Health Education England. We are a national charity, dedicated to supporting the health and social care workforce through national campaigns, workforce development, training and skills development.

Anyone can make a nomination, including members of the public, for anyone working or volunteering in health and social care. The eight award categories include special recognition for Operational support workers and Clinical support workers, of which make up over 40% of the NHS, but who often go unrecognised.

Also included in the categories are - Outstanding Contribution Award, Apprentice of the Year, Integrated Team of the Year, Staff Wellbeing Employer, Workforce Planning Team of the Year and Learning and Development team/project of the year.

You can read more about the categories and nominate (by the 29th June), by visiting skillsforhealth.org.uk/ohh
Update about the Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF) 2019-20
CQRS service

As part of the QOF business rules production cycle there are usually three releases a year. A 'baseline' release at the start of the year (for QOF 2019-20 this is QOF v42), an update to incorporate new codes and changes from the April clinical code release followed by a third update incorporating the October clinical code release. This final release is the one that is used for the end of year extraction of QOF data.

This year there is a delay to the April code release with it not being released until June 2019. As such, and following discussions with NHS England, the decision has been taken not to release QOF v43 (the usual April 2019 code release business rules) and incorporate any changes from the June 2019 code release, along with the October 2019 codes, into the end of year QOF business rules (QOF v44). Between now and the release of the QOF v44 business rules, communications will be issued to inform you of any changes to codes NHS Digital are planning to make to the code clusters that we would have made had QOF v43 been produced.

Attached is a file that shows the codes so far that are either included in QOF v42 that will be removed as part of QOF v44; or that are not in QOF v42 and will be added to QOF v44. This list will be added to as the year progresses and will be included in future communications on this topic. Current plans for QOF v44, although this is based on a number of dependencies, is for the business rules, updated to incorporate the October 2019 code release, to be ready for issue to system suppliers for testing at the end of November/early December with a view to extracts of January, February and March data taking place as early in the following month as possible culminating in the final payment extract being taken in early April. As QOF v44 nears there will be further communications issued regarding business rules publication dates.

What this means for practices

Data that practices may be seeing in reports within their practice system or in CQRS may currently seem inaccurate, as patients with codes that are due for inclusion/exclusion will still be showing/not showing on reports. However, this will be addressed by QOF v44 and this will be the version that will be used for end of year extract and payment.

The QOF v42 (2019-20) ‘subject to testing’ business rules and expanded cluster list, showing all the codes currently used in QOF, can be found on the NHS Digital website:


Designing Integrated Care Systems (ICS) in England

NHS England has issued a guide to the different levels of management that make up an integrated care system, describing their core functions, their rationale and how they will

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None

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None

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CQRS – Learning Disabilities Health Service Check – Action Required
Once the data is available to view, please remember to add your Learning Disabilities register size to complete the submission, the automated extraction only gives the number of health checks undertaken in the quarter. The submission will not show for declaration and payment until this has been completed. Please also ensure that you enter the correct register size (as at the end of the reporting period), incorrect data could affect payments later in the year

Items for Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Practices only
None