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 | 9th of each month | Via CQRS |
| Maternity, paternity, parental or sickness absence | Last working day of each month | Via email to england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net |
| Register to receive CAS Alerts | by 13 September 2019 | Via https://www.cas.mhra.gov.uk/Register.aspx |

• Items for all Practices

**Medicines back in stock**
The following medicines are now back in stock:

- Microgynon 30 tablets
- Salbutamol 2mg/5ml syrup

If you have any queries, please contact the medicines supply team at DHSC on DHSCmedicinesupplyteam@dhsc.gov.uk

**Children missing immunisations?**
The School Holidays are here! Why not take this opportunity to get in children missing immunisations? For more tips on how to increase the uptake of childhood immunisations in your practice, please see the attached toolkit we have produced.

**EU Exit**
The specific guidance for primary care contractors was published in April and is available at: https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/preparing-for-the-possibility-of-a-no-deal-eu-exit-for-primary-care-contractors/.
The cross-government planning assumptions remain in place and all guidance remains valid. Response preparations will be updated as planning assumptions change.

**Guide for Allied Health Professions on Enhancing Health of People in Care Homes**
NHS England has issued a guide to support local health and social care systems in improving the health of people living in care homes, with practical examples of how the allied health professionals can support implementation and roll-out of the framework for

HPV for boys
FOR INFORMATION ONLY – GP PRACTICES ARE REMINDED TO NOT OFFER HPV VACCINATIONS TO BOYS AT THIS TIME.

The introduction of HPV for boys will be for boys who are 12-13, starting with an offer in school, to those who are in year 8 on 1 September 2020. There will be no catch up for boys up to 18 or older.

It has been agreed that there will be no delivery through GP practices in 2019/20. Any boys who miss the initial doses from September 2019 to 31 March 2020 will be offered another appointment via the school-based programme. We anticipate that boys will be added to the HPV catch-up scheme in general practice from April 2020. When that happens we anticipate it will only include those who were in year 8 on 1 September 2020 i.e. in the first eligible cohort, not older boys.

This means that general practices should not offer HPV vaccine to boys in 19/20. If practices wished to offer a private service (to patients who are registered at other practices) they should not use ImmForm stock for this service.

Below please find FAQs regarding older boys and the differences between the girls’ and boys’ programmes.

Who will get the vaccine?
- It will be offered to boys aged 12-13. They will remain eligible until they are 18 (as for the girls’ programme).

Will older boys (i.e. those currently aged 13-18) be offered the vaccine on a “catch-up” basis?
- Older boys will not be offered the vaccine.
- The high uptake of HPV vaccine among girls over the last ten years has reduced the prevalence of the types of HPV that the vaccine protects against. This means that the risk of unvaccinated boys and girls coming into contact with HPV viruses, and passing them on, is far lower than before the programme started in 2008. The number of diagnoses of genital warts in England has also fallen sharply in both girls and boys since the vaccination programme started, suggesting that boys are already benefiting indirectly from the girls’ programme through ‘herd protection’.
- This means that there is not a strong case for a catch-up programme for older boys as there was for the girls programme in 2008 and there would be limited additional benefit.
- When any new programme is introduced there are eligibility criteria and we recognise that those outside of the criteria may be disappointed.
- However, the criteria for all our vaccination programmes aims to target those most at risk or with the greatest ability to benefit. The priority is therefore to vaccinate adolescents before they reach sexual maturity.
So why were older girls offered HPV vaccine through a catch-up campaign when the HPV vaccination programme was introduced in 2008?

- When the girls’ programme was introduced in 2008, there was no population protection from HPV. So, although the programme was aimed at girls aged 12-13, a catch-up programme for older girls was introduced to try and accelerate the protection the programme would provide.
- The situation is very different now and, due to high uptake of the girls’ HPV programme for the past decade, increased overall population immunity provides substantial indirect protection to those who aren’t vaccinated.

Did JCVI advise on catch-ups?

- No - they only considered the issue of whether HPV vaccination should be extended to adolescent boys as this was the priority.

But wouldn’t it be even better to introduce an HPV catch-up campaign for boys aged 13-18 in a “belt and braces” approach?

- Extending the HPV vaccination programme to boys aged 12-13 will prevent more HPV-related cancers and reduce the overall burden of these cancers sooner than a girls-only programme would do.
- We estimate that any additional benefits of extending the HPV programme would be very small given the protection older boys already have from the current programme.
- We need to ensure that the HPV vaccination programme can be extended to boys aged 12-13 with high uptake as quickly as possible and also that during the roll-out we maintain high vaccination uptake in girls as well.

Please contact phcontractssouthwest@nhs.net for further information.

New information available on the Models of Care portal

Primary Care Networks

- A new tool - Your Primary Care Network is now available, providing Workforce data for Cornwall, Devon, Dorset and Somerset PCNs.

- Access this resource to view the South West PCNs and how they are formed.

- Hold the date: After a very successful Primary Care Network event held back in March with over 200 people in attendance we are now planning the next event for **Wednesday 30 October at the Exeter Racecourse**. More information and how to register will be available soon.

GP Contract

- An interactive timeline which explores the new GP Contract, showing the key changes and how they will be implemented over the next three years: https://www.swahsn.com/2019-GP-Contract-Timeline/

New Video Case studies

- View these case studies and see the good work going on in the South West.
  - Devon Square Surgery, Newton Abbott - [AF Detection in Primary Care](#)
For any support relating to the Models of Care Portal please contact:
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**NHS Resolution Primary Care event**
Please find attached an interactive flyer for the NHS Resolution Primary Care event at Taunton Conference Centre on 10 September 2019.

**National Pandemic Flu Service (NPFS) Health Care Professional (HCP) portal**
Our Emergency Planning Resilience & Response Team are planning a ‘limited’ test of the National Pandemic Flu Service. At this point they are testing the ‘Health Care Professional’ (HCP) portal only and will be running other exercises to test other portals going forward.

Our EPPR Team are looking for some ‘willing’ Health Care Professional volunteers to undertake the exercise during week commencing 23rd September 19. This will be completed from their own office, surgery, pharmacy etc. In the lead up to the testing window they will receive several group invites to attend a Skype session where National will walk them through the different applications and they will be able to see this demonstrated on your screen.

They do not have to attend all of these sessions but accept an invite to the session that is demonstrating the application/s that they will want to test. These sessions are very informal and allows participants to ask any questions they may have. National will be sending each tester training guides and additional information such as synthetic data, feedback forms and testing scenarios.

The feedback forms are very important to us so that we can continually improve the applications. We would encourage them to capture any feedback whilst they are in the application so that we can replicate any of the comments raised. User logons will be issued by National and emailed directly to them before the test week. We would encourage everyone to try to access these applications in advance of the test week in case they have any logon issues that need resolving in advance.

We are looking for a couple of interested Health Care Professional volunteers:

GP’s - a couple from both Devon and Cornwall
Pharmacists - a couple from both Devon and Cornwall

Please find attached the Excel sheet that asks for the details of those interested in joining the ‘exercise’ in September. You will note that it asks for an IT contact, this is because
they need to identify the IP address for the individuals computer to allow them access (this wouldn’t be needed in a real event as it would be fully open). Contact neil.vine@nhs.net.

Helping patients manage their referral online
More referrals are being made electronically with the NHS e-Referral Service (e-RS). Using the e-RS means practices have the chance to save time by helping patients manage their referral online. Please see the NHS Digital website for further information and resources. https://digital.nhs.uk/services/e-referral-service/helping-patients-manage-their-referral-online#information-packs

Changes for the NHS Pension Scheme for senior clinicians
The government is consulting on proposals to make the NHS pension scheme more flexible and transparent for senior clinicians.
https://www.gov.uk/government/news/changes-to-nhs-pensions-for-senior-clinicians-have-your-say

Treating Temporary Residents
As the School Holidays are now underway and the busy summer holiday season is in full swing. This is a timely reminder to all GP Practices of your contractual obligations to see and treat temporary residents who are staying in your practice area. Many Community Pharmacies are able to offer a wide range of help and support for minor ailments, as do the Minor Injury Units, but if people present with a health problem and they are staying in your practice area, there is a contractual obligation to provide them with appropriate care.

It has come to our attention that some patients are being directed to other GP Practices in the area rather than dealing with the patients as they present. The summer is a very busy time for all of us in the South West and we should be mindful of our own responsibilities and to support the wider primary care networks within which we work. Therefore please be sure to remind your teams about temporary residents and if you are aware of patients being sent to your surgery please let us know.

CQRS – Shingles Routine and Shingles Catch-up Programme Payments
We have identified that the final approval of the Shingles Routine and Shingles Catch-up submissions declared on CQRS by 9 July 2019, was missed. This means that payment for these submissions will not be made at the end of July 2019 and will now be delayed until the end of August 2019. Our sincere apologies for this and any inconvenience this may cause.

We have reviewed our processes and additional checks have now been added to ensure that this does not happen again.

- Items for Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Practices only
  Reminder: GP admin infant Hep B vaccination webex lunch and learn sessions
General Practice administrative staff play a crucial role in ensuring that vulnerable newborn infants born to Hepatitis B positive mothers attend for timely Hepatitis B vaccinations to reduce the risk of them becoming chronically infected.

Please see attached flyer advertising General Practice Admin WebEx lunch and learn session re Selective neonatal Hepatitis B immunisation for BNSSG practices.

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For further information please contact england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net

- **Items for Somerset Practices only**
  None

- **Items for Devon Practices only**
  Delegated Commissioning – Special Allocation Scheme (SAS)
  24/07/2019 – Devon CCG
  Devon CCG have taken on the day-to-day responsibility of managing the Special Allocation Scheme (SAS) within Devon with effect from 24 July 2019.
  All queries and applications relating to the SAS within the Devon Area should be directed to: devon.primarycare@nhs.net.

- **Items for Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Practices only**
  Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection made easier
  Two sessions to help your GP surgery prepare for its Care Quality Commission (CQC) and make life a little easier are taking place later this month.
  
  The date for the sessions is **Monday 29 July** at NHS Kernow’s offices, Sedgemoor Centre, Priory Road, St Austell.
  
  The first presentation will take place between 10.30am and 12.30am followed by the second session between 1.30pm and 3.30pm.
  
  You’ll be able to meet members of the CQC team and ask the questions you need answered with regards to prepping for the inspection.

  Topics to be discussed:
  
  - CQC Update and our strategy for primary medical services in the coming years.
  - The new annual regulatory review process for all GP practices rated good and outstanding. Including an ARR test session.
- What inspectors are looking at inspection in 2019? Covering key topics such as exception reporting, fridge temperatures, new roles GP assistant or physician associates, level three safeguarding training etc.
- Question and answer sessions.

Book by emailing nhskernowccg.qa@nhs.net.