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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Maternity, paternity, parental or sickness absence | Last working day of each month | Via email to england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net

- **Items for all Practices**

**Perinatal Mental Health GP Champion Project**

The South West Maternity and Perinatal and Infant Mental Health Network are looking for GP Champions in the Somerset STP and BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire STP to join them in improving care for women and families affected by Perinatal Mental Illness. In partnership with the Royal College of General Practitioners, The South West Maternity and Perinatal and Infant Mental Health Network have received funding from Health Education England to rollout a programme aimed at improving knowledge and understanding in PMI amongst GPs and their colleagues.

For further information around this initiative please see the attachment.

For informal enquiries, please contact Claire.bullock2@nhs.net

**Update on Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (Fluenz Tetra) supply**

As you are aware there have been delays to the supply of the live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV), Fluenz Tetra, that has affected both general practice and the schools programme. AstraZeneca, who produce Fluenz Tetra for the UK, had to delay delivery of a significant quantity of vaccine that was due to be delivered in early November. Most of the delayed stock has now passed the second set of tests and we are beginning to receive supplies again. Because of this PHE will be re-opening ordering for schools and increasing the allocation to GPs by another 5%.

We want to thank you for your continued work during this period. Our weekly uptake data shows us that practices have been successfully prioritising high-risk children, but as you are aware, the childhood programme is running behind the normal timetable, which may result in fewer than usual high-risk children getting early protection via the schools based programme.

General practices should continue to implement the seasonal flu programme as outlined in the Direct Enhanced Service Specification (www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/dess-sfl-and-pneumococcal-1920.pdf). As the flu season can sometimes start in early December, we would like to ensure that, where possible, high risk children are covered by the end of this month, and that the rest of the programme is on track to complete as soon as possible thereafter.

If not already in place, practices should aim to call in and offer vaccine to the following children by the end of November:

- Children in high risk groups aged 6 months to 2 years – these children should be called and offered quadrivalent inactivated influenza vaccine (QIV)
- Children and young people in high risk groups from 2 to less than 18 years should be prioritised and offered LAIV (unless contraindicated). This includes children aged 4 – 10 years who have not yet been offered vaccination through school.
Where a practice does not have LAIV available, vaccination of children in high risk groups should not be delayed and a suitable QIV should be offered as an alternative.

Where practices see high risk children and have no central QIV stock, they can use locally procured stock and replace it with stock ordered through Immform.


Recall for unvaccinated high risk children should also occur during December.

As the local screening and immunisation team, we are already working with practices in areas where the primary schools programmes have been delayed, facilitating access to additional PHE stock if required.

Further details on eligible groups can be found in the ‘Green Book’: www.gov.uk/government/publications/influenza-the-green-book-chapter-19

- Items for Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Practices only
  None

- Items for Somerset Practices only
  HPV Primary Screening – South West update
  Further to our previous update (bulletin 340), please read and pass on to sample takers and anyone involved in the cervical screening programme the attached information regarding the imminent changes to the cervical screening programme.
  Contact details for queries are in the update or please contact swscreeningandimms@nhs.net

- Items for Devon Practices only
  None

- Items for Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Practices only
  None