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**

**National general practice profiles: 2019 annual update**

Public Health England has published national general practice profiles. This data tool presents a range of GP practice level indicators using the latest available data.


**Children’s flu vaccination (LAIV) for 2 and 3-year olds – Please immunise before Christmas!**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff once again for your continued efforts with the paediatric seasonal flu immunisation programme. We appreciate there has been a tremendous effort from colleagues to ensure eligible children are offered vaccine as quickly as possible, within the constraints of the nasal vaccine supply situation.

However, vaccine uptake rates for 2 and 3-year olds remain behind where we were this time last season and the flu season has already started. Through the Central Alert System (CAS), the Department of Health and Social Care issued a CAS alert on 3 December 2019 to advise GPs and community pharmacies that they can now prescribe and supply antivirals.

Since Monday 25 November, the LAIV allocations for GPs have been increased to the equivalent of last season’s uptake for each individual practice, or 45% of their eligible populations (whichever is the higher). From Monday 9 December ordering has moved to a maximum of 2 packs (20 doses) per week per account holder. Please note that before this move took place, less than a third of GP practices had reached their maximum allocation.

Please contact the ImmForm helpdesk ([HelpDesk@immform.org.uk](mailto:HelpDesk@immform.org.uk)) if additional packs are required.

To support the catch-up in 2 and 3-year olds, PHE are currently running a national TV advertising and digital media campaign, which is being aired between 2 to 12 December 2019.
We would be grateful for the continued support of practices to ensure that as many children as possible in this age group are offered protection before Christmas.

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

- **Items for Somerset Practices only**
  None

- **Items for Devon Practices only**
  None

- **Items for Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Practices only**
  Rent Reimbursement Form Kernow V3
  A revised rent claim form for all Kernow GP sites (addressing issues for sites who have no VAT on their bills) is attached. Failure to complete correctly or failure to use the new form will result in claim returns and therefore may delay reimbursement.

**Reminder: General Practice Annual Electronic Declaration submission**

**FOR ACTION by 17 December 2019**

Further to the GP bulletin on 22 November practices are reminded that the data collection period for the 2019/20 General Practice Annual Electronic Declaration (eDEC) opened to receive submissions from GP practices on 19 November 2019 and will close on **Tuesday 17 December 2019**.

All GP practices registered on the Strategic Data Collection Service (SDCS) will have been contacted by NHS Digital to inform them that the collection has opened. NHS Digital have also circulated guidance to practices on how to complete the return.

If you have not already registered for the SDCS, practices will need to register to obtain a new user account with the data collection system managed by NHS Digital, by using the following link:

- For the general practice annual electronic declaration (eDEC) and the general practice complaints collection (K041b) please register for a new user account by using this website: [https://datacollection.sdcs.digital.nhs.uk/](https://datacollection.sdcs.digital.nhs.uk/)
- For the general practice workforce census, please register for a new user account to use the National Workforce Reporting System (NWRS) via this website: [http://www.nwrs.nhs.uk/](http://www.nwrs.nhs.uk/)
If you experience any difficulties with registration or for any support with general practice data collections (eDEC, K041b or NWRS) please contact NHS Digital Customer Contact Centre by email to enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk

Please note that this is a mandatory return required by all practices to be completed. Please therefore ensure that your eDEC is submitted by the closure date.