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**
  **2019/2020 DSQS**
  All dispensing practices have been sent an email reminding them that the first 2019/2020 DSQS self-assessment/declaration of compliance submission is due by Friday 10th January 2020. The email also contains information about the clinical audit of dispensing services, which practices are strongly encouraged to submit by 10th January 2020, or as soon as possible after this date. If you have any queries please contact the Pharmacy Team via england.pharmacysouthwest@nhs.net

- **GP Practice PCSE and GP PCSE Performers List Online**
  Please see the attachments received from PCSE regarding their launch of the Performers List Online Service.

- **Learning from patient deaths. Concomitant use of amitriptyline and oxycodone and addiction to purchased or prescribed medication**
  The Controlled Drugs Accountable Officer for NHS England in the South West is sharing learning sent by his counterpart in the East of England in the attached document. There has been renewed interest in the safety of prescribing amitriptyline and oxycodone concomitantly following a patient death, and the correspondence also shares learning from another case in which a patient died following addiction to prescribed and purchased medication that her GP was aiming to treat. Our regional CD team can be contacted at england.southwestcontrolleddrugs@nhs.net

- **Primary Care Network Improvement Leads Programme**
  Starting 5 February 2020 (Bristol) and 3 March 2020 (Leeds). Please see attachment for further details.

- **Guidance on NHS login – helping you to help patients and staff**
  NHS login is the single secure login that enables you to swiftly access health and social care apps and websites wherever you see the NHS login button. Patients create an NHS login when they register to use the NHS app. They can also create and use their login in a range of other websites and apps. NHS Digital has published new guidance for practice staff that explains the simple three-step process that patients follow to create an NHS
Missed children’s post exposure Hepatitis B vaccinations - case study

The Screening and Immunisation Team operate a failsafe designed to ensure that children born to Hepatitis B positive mothers are appropriately vaccinated in a timely fashion to reduce the risk of them contracting chronic Hepatitis B.

Whilst CHIS schedule these children, there are still occasions when children miss vital early post exposure vaccinations. Practice reception/admin staff play a key role in noting these children when hospital discharge notes come in and when movers in register. Hence the Screening and Immunisation Team delivered a WebEx training session in the summer for admin staff (see attached powerpoint).

- One of the practices who participated in the WebEx implemented recommendations and ran searches to check records of patients coded as female, pregnant and Hep B positive. This brought up a family whose 4 children had not completed the post exposure vaccination schedule or been tested for Hepatitis B surface antigen – HBsAg.
- Further searches identified another family with 5 children born to Hep B positive mother with incomplete vaccinations.
- The practice is now running regular searches to anticipate the need for infants coming in requiring off schedule post exposure vaccines and expedited registration to facilitate this.

Possible practice failsafe procedures to ensure child receives timely Hep B vaccinations:

1. **Weekly searches for pregnant women** who are diagnosed with Hepatitis B linking to their delivery date.
2. **All newborn baby hospital discharge documents** to be thoroughly reviewed (regardless of registration) and, where Hepatitis B vaccination indicated, [link with mother and call for vaccination at 4 weeks](https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/info-professional/public-health/immunisations/hepatitis-b/)
3. **When infant registered**, check if 4 week dose has been given/is scheduled
4. **6-8 week infant check** – has infant received 4 week vaccination?

For more information re the vaccination pathway for children born to Hepatitis B positive mothers see: [https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/info-professional/public-health/immunisations/hepatitis-b/](https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/info-professional/public-health/immunisations/hepatitis-b/)

For the attention of all immunisers: schedule change to routine childhood immunisations (PCV)

Babies born from 01.01.20 will move to a new schedule for the PCV vaccination programme. They will receive one dose at 12 weeks and one booster dose at 1 year of age. This is a positive change reflecting the success of the PCV vaccine and should be well received by parents as babies will now receive only two injectable vaccines at each of the 8, 12, and 16 week appointments. Babies born before 31.12.19 will continue to receive two primary doses (8 and 16 weeks) and one booster dose at 1 year of age.

Please can all immunisers:

- Familiarise themselves with the following documents:
  - Training slideset [https://publichealthengland-immunisatl.app.box.com/s/wkwregsb204bawfmfj2n7ucugs8cq3o9](https://publichealthengland-immunisatl.app.box.com/s/wkwregsb204bawfmfj2n7ucugs8cq3o9)
• Consider ordering a supply of the following leaflets to support parents affected by this schedule change: https://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/ViewArticle.html?sp=Spcvflyerforparentsandhcps
• Review all baby imms leaflets in the New Year, discard out of date leaflets, and order new stock with correct imms schedule;
• Review vaccine ordering of PCV in the New Year to reflect reduction in vaccines to be given (maximum of 2-4 weeks stock to be held locally);
• See attached tripartite letter for further information.

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

• **Items for Somerset Practices only**
  **Bridgwater and Taunton College – Meningococcal Case**
  For information, a student in attendance at Bridgwater and Taunton College in Somerset was treated for meningococcal meningitis, onset 10th December 2019. They are recovering well.
  Standard warn and inform information that covers signs and symptoms of meningitis and septicaemia has been circulated to the students who attend the college.
  I am sharing this information with you in case your practice gets contacted directly by a student who attends this college and is concerned about signs and symptoms.

• **Items for Devon Practices only**
  None

• **Items for Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Practices only**
  None