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 10 January 2020. The email also contains information about the clinical audit of dispensing services, which practices are strongly encouraged to submit by 10 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

Consultation – Five National Draft Specifications of the GP Contract
Please find detailed a link to the consultation document concerning the five national specifications of the GP Contract (https://wwwengage.england.nhs.uk/survey/primary-care-networks-service-specifications/). The five national specifications are as follows:

- Structured Medication Reviews and Optimisation
- Enhanced Health in Care Homes (jointly with community services providers)
- Anticipatory Care (jointly with community services providers)
- Personalised Care
- Supporting Early Cancer Diagnosis

There are a number of opportunities for you to share your thoughts on the outline draft of the service specifications, please note the consultation period ends on the 15 January 2020. Find out how to get involved in sharing your feedback on the Consultation Hub.

Engagement through the survey will be supplemented with a series of webinars in January 2020, where the outline service specifications will be discussed. Please click on the links below to access the webinars at the specified times:

- Wednesday 8 January 2020 – 12 noon-1.30pm
- Thursday 9 January 2020 - 10am-11.30am
- Tuesday 14 January 2020 – 3pm-4.30pm (focusing on the community services elements of the Enhanced Health in Care Homes and Anticipatory Care service specifications, aimed at directors and chief executives of community health providers)
Nikki Kanani, Medical Director for Primary Care, NHS England and NHS Improvement, will be hosting a Twitter chat on 7 January 2020 specifically about the service specifications. Follow #primarycarenetworks from 8pm and join in the conversation and share your views.

Please note that the service specifications are in draft, and subject to change through the ongoing GP contract negotiations process. Feedback received through the survey will inform processes to finalise national contracts, with final arrangements published in the new year.

Should you have any questions, please contact england.networkscontract@nhs.net

Save the Date: Culture Change in Mental Health - 10 March 2020 in Exeter
You are invited to Save the Date for a South West Clinical Network event: Culture Change in Mental Health on Tuesday 10 March 2020.

Please see attached the flyer for more details, including our confirmed speaker Sir Norman Lamb, MP and former health minister.

Registration details will be shared in January.

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