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

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<td>Submit 2019/2020 DSQS self-assessment / declaration of compliance</td>
<td>by 10 January 2020</td>
<td>via <a href="mailto:england.pharmacysouthwest@nhs.net">england.pharmacysouthwest@nhs.net</a></td>
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<td>Upload seasonal influenza vaccine uptake for patients and frontline healthcare workers</td>
<td>by 15 January 2020</td>
<td>Via <a href="https://portal.immform.dh.gov.uk">https://portal.immform.dh.gov.uk</a></td>
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<td>CQRS declarations for payment in the same month</td>
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- **Items for all Practices**

The process for prescribing cannabis-based products for medicinal use


If you have any queries please contact in the NHS England and Improvement controlled drugs team in the first instance england.southwestcontrolleddrugs@nhs.net

**Immform - Reminder to upload seasonal influenza vaccine uptake for patients and frontline healthcare workers**

Please be reminded that the Immform survey is now open for submitting your patient flu vaccine uptake data. This current collection period is open from **1 January 2020 to 15 January 2020** and should include all flu immunisations given between 1 September and 31 December 2019 inclusive. See the collection schedule below:

The majority of practices upload data via an automatic extraction, however it is still important that you log on to Immform after the ‘GP system Supplier Submit End Date’ on 9 January to ensure that your automatic data extraction has been successful and that your
IT supplier has submitted your data on your behalf. **Any practices who have not uploaded data automatically will have until Wednesday 15 January to upload data manually.**

You should also record your GP practice staff flu vaccine uptake data. You only need to do this once you have completed your staff immunisation offer. This data needs to be submitted manually.


If you are experiencing issues, in the first instance please contact your IT supplier (for automatic extractions) or Immform 0844 376 0040 helpdesk@immform.org.uk for practical help with data submissions. Immunisation queries to england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net

**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

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