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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• Items for all Practices

Mumps cases in SW
Please see the attached letter ‘Mumps is circulating in your area – please help to stop the spread’ as we are seeing an increase in Mumps cases across the South West.

MMR national campaign
NHS England and NHS Improvement has developed posters and other materials to support GP practices to encourage people to get vaccinated against MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella), if they haven’t already. Posters for other community settings have also been developed to signpost people to their GP practice. The materials are available at the Campaign Resource Centre. They are designed to complement existing materials available to download/order at: healthpublications.gov.uk/Home.html

In the South West many practices took part in the MMR innovation funding last year. Key messages from practices involved were:
1. Have a look at your data – for any patient without two MMR doses check through if MMR vaccinations have been recorded but not coded, and check paper records;
2. The best way of recalling patients was not by letter but by setting time aside to call patients and get them booked in;
3. If you wanted to put on any additional clinics for children these were best accessed during half-terms, weekends and after school, however, flexible appointments at any time were best received;
4. Add flags to your IT system to support opportunistic MMRs to be given at any point;
5. Have space at a team meeting (include your admin and non-clinical staff) to talk about a ‘team’ way forward to get everyone on board. Having enthusiastic people on reception seemed to work really well for practices.

Important message for cervical sample takers
Cervical Screening Programme samples taken in Gloucestershire, B&NES, Swindon, Somerset, BNSSG and those parts of Wiltshire that previously sent samples to RUH, are
now all being processed for Primary HPV at North Bristol NHS Trust, as previously communicated.

There have been some initial delays getting new ways of working established. This means that NBT are not meeting the required 14 day turnaround time, this may continue for another week or two. Please note most samples are being tested within 15 days. We understand there is some confusion around the status of current turnaround times so we would like to highlight that if sample takers or patients have not had results within 3 weeks, sample takers must follow up with the laboratory is it is more likely the sample has gone missing than been delayed.

Devon and Cornwall samples are unaffected by any delay in turnaround time. As above if any result is not available on time please do follow up with the appropriate laboratory.

Wuhan novel coronavirus (WN-CoV) guidance for primary care
The interim advice for primary care professionals dealing with patients with suspected Wuhan novel coronavirus infection (WN-CoV) has been placed on the GOV.UK webpages:


Please be aware this communication is also being circulated separately to all Community Pharmacies in England.

Wuhan Novel Coronavirus letter from Public Health England
Please see the attached letter sent on behalf of Public Health England, Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England and NHS Improvement providing advice for the NHS in England on the Wuhan Novel Coronavirus.

Please be aware this communication is also being circulated separately to all Community Pharmacies and dentists in England and has also been sent today as a Special Bulletin.

Information on the health and care of people with learning disabilities
NHS Digital has published information on the health of people with learning disabilities in 2018/19. It covers key health issues for people recorded by their GP as having a learning disability. It also includes comparative data about patients recorded by their GP as not having a leaning disability, to show differences in health and care between the two groups. https://digital.nhs.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/annual-information-on-the-health-and-care-of-people-with-learning-disabilities-is-published

Supporting reservists in primary care
NHS Employers has produced a resources pack outlining Ministry of Defence support for organisations employing reservists and want to understand primary care organisations’ experience of employing reservists. If you employ reservists or would like to help shape the support given to primary care employers, answer a short series of questions in the survey by Friday 31 January 2020. https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MJG7GKC
RCGP launches LGBT e-learning suite for family doctors

Early Diagnosis GI Cancer pathway - GP EDUCATION event 4th & 6th Feb, Totnes & Barnstaple
Peninsula Cancer Alliance and the local Cancer Research Facilitator team would like to invite you to a GP education evening focussing on GI cancers (see attached). Please also see attached agendas for the two events being held in Barnstaple and Dartington, Totnes.

The agenda will include:
- Vague symptom pathway
- IDA pathway
- OG timed pathway
- Colorectal pathway

To register, choose which date and venue you would like to attend and follow the link to Eventbrite (on the attached flyer) where you will be able to register for free.

Primary Care Network service specifications and the Network DES: closure of engagement
NHS England has announced the closure of the consultation on the five service specifications due to become part of the network DES from April. A final version of the GP contract for 2020/21, including the plans on service specifications, will now be agreed as soon as possible through negotiation with the BMA GPC, informed by the engagement exercise. [https://www.england.nhs.uk/2020/01/primary-care-network-service-specifications-and-the-network-des-close-of-engagement/](https://www.england.nhs.uk/2020/01/primary-care-network-service-specifications-and-the-network-des-close-of-engagement/)

Survey on Gov.uk immunisation pages
Have your say on Gov.uk: Public Health England would like your views on the immunisation pages of .Gov.uk as part of their Value of Vaccines work and commitment to ensure PHE’s online information is the best it can possibly be. Your feedback will help shape changes to the pages to improve your experience when accessing the information and resources you need in your role.

The survey will close on Friday 28 February. Please complete the survey here. We want to encourage as many healthcare professionals as possible to complete this survey. If the survey link doesn’t work at first, please try again later in the day as Select Survey is being updated.
**HEE Funding for Advanced Clinical Assessment Training**
Health Education England South Pharmacy are able to provide funding to support the
development of the clinical assessment skills of independent prescribing pharmacists
working in Thames Valley, Wessex or South West.

HEE are able to provide £2000 to contribute towards the course costs to undertake a
university based clinical assessment skills module and clinical supervision costs. The
attached information leaflet provides further details about the programmes available
across our area, clinical assessment training and funding criteria.

Applications are invited from independent prescribing pharmacist for this funding. Please
find the application form attached and return it to Pharmacy.South@hee.nhs.uk by
Wednesday 26th February 2020.

**Practice guidance: offering 25% of appointments online**
NHS England has published a guide containing support to general practice to make sure
that at least 25% of their appointments are available to book online. It covers a full list of
the types of appointments to include, important things to consider and configuration hint
and tips. [https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/practice-guidance-offering-25-of-
appointments-online/](https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/practice-guidance-offering-25-of-
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  Wave Project - Prescription Surf (for practices in Devon and Cornwall only)
The Wave project provides fully funded (by Children in Need) 6 week water confidence/
introduction to surfing courses for children (age 8-13) suffering from low-mood, anxiety or
loneliness across a number of sites in Devon and Cornwall. Further are on the attached
posters/display materials. For more information about the Wave Project including
evaluation of effectiveness visit [www.waveproject.co.uk](http://www.waveproject.co.uk)

Please find attached the waiting room screen display image, flyer and poster image to this
email. There are also A3 poster and A5 flyers professionally printed which can be
requested from samhp@waveproject.co.uk who will also be happy to provide practices
with further details.

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