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**
  - **Private Cervical Sample Testing**
    The HPV Primary Screening laboratory (Cervical Screening Laboratory) at North Bristol Trust no longer provide any service to screen cervical samples sent outside of the NHS Cervical Screening Programme. This includes any cervical samples submitted for private screening outside of the screening intervals recommended by the National Screening Committee. If a patient requests an additional cervical sample to be taken outside of the NHS service, they will need to be advised that this service is no longer available through the GP Practice or NHS laboratory. If a patient specifically wishes to have a private cervical screening sample, they will need to make their own enquiries to find a suitable private provider of this service. Cervical samples will only be screened at the NBT laboratory if the woman is due for screening, and best way to check that is by checking the woman’s cervical screening history on Open Exeter before taking the sample. Public Health England and NHSE/I are unable to signpost patients towards any non-NHS providers of cervical screening tests.

- **The GP contract agreement 2020/21 – 2023/24**
  NHS England and the BMA have updated the document setting out the five-year agreement for the GP contract and PCNs.

- **Digital primary care maturity assurance dashboard**
  A new dashboard contains data for CCGs and GP practices across 98 indicators, collected from 2015/16 to 2018/19.

- **Migrant health immunisation leaflet – now available in other languages**
  A leaflet was produced recently by Public Health England to encourage immunisation uptake amongst new migrants to the UK. The leaflet is now available in multiple languages here: [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immunisation-information-for-migrants](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immunisation-information-for-migrants)
  For more information, please see the January 2020 edition of Vaccine Update: [https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/vaccine-update](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/vaccine-update)
• **Items for Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Practices only**

None

• **Items for Somerset Practices only**

None

• **Items for Devon Practices only**

**Action Required – CQRS Service Offers**

The following contractual service has been offered to Practice on CQRS:

• [Indicators no Longer in QOF (INLIQ) 2019/20](#)

Please note that this service is a contractual requirement, information about the service can be found by following the link above. Please log into CQRS and accept this service, under the Participation tab.

The following service was offered out centrally by CQRS on 6 February 2020:

• [GP appointments in support of winter pressures v2](#)

This will replace the existing GP appointments in support of winter pressures collection. Please log into CQRS and accept this service, under the Participation tab.

This is a participation only service, no data will be recorded in CQRS. Information about the service can be found by following the link above.

• **Items for Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Practices only**

**Sign up to access Kernow LMC’s new website**

Kernow Local Medical Committee (LMC) has launched a new website packed with dedicated general practice guidance for GPs, sessional GPs and Practice Managers. The website offers information about the latest job vacancies and events in local general practice – and is an alternative route to access pastoral support. It also includes more information about the LMC, our role and work – and how you can get involved or raise issues with us.

The website is easy to navigate and view on all devices, such as smartphones and tablets. It is available at: [www.kernowlmc.co.uk](http://www.kernowlmc.co.uk)

Everyone on our LMC database should have received an email inviting them to sign up to access the new website and its secure areas. Registering is quick and simple, and the benefits include:

• View any restricted guidance.
• Place job adverts for your practice. We are happy to post adverts for Kernow GP practices free of charge. Just complete the vacancy form.
• Upload a training event.
• Link with the LMC – if you haven’t already – so we have up to date contact details for you.

You can register here.

The website will evolve, and we will continue to add new features as it beds down. If you have any content suggestions, or wider feedback about the website, please email rich@kernowlmc.co.uk