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

| Deadline for completed Appraiser applications | by 17th March 2020 | Completed application forms to england.gpappraisalsw@nhs.net |
| CQRS declarations for payment in the same month | 9th of each month | Via CQRS |
| Maternity, paternity, parental or sickness absence | Last working day of each month | Kernow practices only via england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net and other practices via their CCG |

- **Items for all Practices**

**Supply issues with Lorazepam injection and Penicillamine tablets**

On behalf of DHSC please see the below and attached information regarding Lorazepam and Penicillamine.

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<tr>
<th>Medicine</th>
<th>Out of stock until</th>
<th>Alternatives (NB FP10 prescriptions must indicate that a special is required/prescribed by the GP)</th>
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<tr>
<td>MSN/2020/008 Lorazepam (Ativan®) 4mg/ml injection (Pfizer)</td>
<td>w/c 2nd March 2020</td>
<td>Importers can source limited supplies of unlicensed imports of lorazepam 4mg/ml injection, however, the average lead time is 4-6 weeks.</td>
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<tr>
<td>MSN/2020/009 Penicillamine 125mg and 250mg tablets</td>
<td>Late March 2020</td>
<td>Unlicensed imports of penicillamine 125mg and 250mg tablets are available.</td>
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There have also been changes to the resupply dates of the medicines listed below.

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<tr>
<th>Original MSN reference</th>
<th>Date of original Medicine Supply Notification (MSN)</th>
<th>Supply issue</th>
<th>Resupply date previously communicated</th>
<th>Updated resupply date as of February 2020</th>
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Please be aware this communication is also being circulated separately to all Community Pharmacies in England.

Please note that supply issues that have been categorised as tier 1 or 2, DHSC and the MSRG have requested that we use our commissioning routes to reach community pharmacy and GP practices. More serious supply issues are communicated via the Central Alerting System for action.

If you have any queries, please contact: DHSCmedicinesupplyteam@dhsc.gov.uk

**Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Patient Pathway**

**Publishing Approval Reference: 001559**

Dear Colleague,

I am writing today to provide the **Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Patient Pathway**

The purpose of this document is to set out the minimum operating standards for each element of the patient pathway from identification of a possible COVID-19 case, through co-ordination of required steps and on to discharge.

This is a live document which, will provide a single point of reference for the NHS and will be updated as the situation develops and contains links to national guidance and should be referred to when guidance is updated to ensure that the pathway remains intact with appropriate governance mechanisms in place. We will continue to provide updates via EPRR structures and also through weekly webinars.
The initial phase of the response to COVID-19 will involve the isolation of all individuals testing positive for COVID-19 within the High Consequence Infectious Disease (HCID) network, with that network co-ordinating the response once a positive response has been confirmed by Public Health England (PHE). This is part of the containment strategy to slow or halt any outbreak. Each local system must ensure it has a pathway in place that can deliver the minimum standards set out in this document from identification to discharge. These standards may be delivered in a way that best fits local and regional operating models.

Thank you all for your ongoing hard work.

Kind regards,

Professor Keith Willett
NHS Strategic Incident Director (Coronavirus)
NHS England and NHS Improvement

Cervical smear sampling
Please be reminded that if your practice is employing, or plans to employ, a locum nurse or GP to undertake cervical smear sampling then you need to ensure that they are in possession of their own Sample Taker PIN. This indicates that they have undertaken the appropriately required training course and have maintained their competence and updated their training on a regular basis. Further information can be found at [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cervical-screening-cervical-sample-taker-training](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cervical-screening-cervical-sample-taker-training) There is also information within the document regarding the requirements of the mentor should any of your colleagues be asked to provide this role. If you have any further queries please contact the Screening & Immunisations team at england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net

GP Appraiser Recruitment - Closing Date 17th March 2020
NHS England are inviting applicants to become a Medical Appraiser within NHS England South West (South Gloucester, Bristol, Somerset, Devon and Cornwall) working within a local geographical location. We are recruiting for the following areas within the South West and looking for appraisers who are willing to travel and are flexible. We only require new appraisers to cover the following areas:

South Gloucester
Bristol
North Somerset
Somerset Coast
Wells /Mendips
South and West Somerset
Teignbridge
Mid Cornwall – Newquay, Truro area
Plymouth - particularly doctors outside of the Plymouth area

The role of Medical Appraiser is to appraise General Practitioners in accordance with NHS England Medical Appraisal Policy, specifically:
• To carry out appraisals in accordance with GMC guidance and the Revalidation Support Team Medical Appraisal Guide
• To ensure that the appraisal covers the whole scope of doctors’ practice
• To review progress against the previous years’ PDP and agree with the doctor the current year’s PDP
• To ensure that each appraisal summary provides adequate information for the Responsible Officer to make appropriate recommendations regarding revalidation

If you would like further information on the full NHS England Medical Appraisal Policy, it can be accessed at http://www.england.nhs.uk/revalidation/appraisers/app-pol/

The role would require undertaking between 8 and 20 appraisals per year and attendance at 3 training sessions annually (2 Regional & 1 Locality). Appraisers are paid £515 for each appraisal (plus superannuation if relevant) and expenses as appropriate.

Kindly note that the closing date for all applications is Tuesday 17th March 2020.

Please return completed application forms to: england.gpappraisalsw@nhs.net

Anticipated interview dates are the 19th & 20th May 2020 to be held in our Saltash, Taunton & Bristol offices. VC link will be available at all sites on 19th May and between Saltash & Taunton on 20th May.

Successful applicants will be invited to complete a two-day training course which will be held on the 23rd & 24th June 2020. Venue TBC.

Please see attached ‘Medical Appraiser Application form 2020’ and ‘Competency framework for medical appraisers appendix 3’.

For further details please contact:
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Lynne Bradshaw (Appraisal and Revalidation Manager) lynne.bradshaw2@nhs.net or 07976961909.

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