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.

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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

**PHE Vaccine Update**

The February edition of Vaccine update is now available:

*Vaccine update: Issue 305, February 2020*

The February issue features:

- mumps is on the increase!
- TD/IPV Vaccine Coverage Annual Report 2018 to 2019
- MenACWY Vaccine Coverage Annual Report 2018 to 2019
- Pertussis vaccination programme for pregnant women update: vaccine coverage in England, October to December 2019
- PCV13 schedule change reminder
- MMR vaccine ordering
- vaccine supply for the routine programme
- inactivated influenza vaccines guidance for 2019 to 2020 flu season
- update to Bexsero patient leaflet
- the EU Falsified Medicines Directive (FMD) and Delegated Regulation as applicable to PHE supplied vaccines for the national immunisation programme
- vaccine supply for the non-routine programme
- Early notice: Easter and spring back holiday delivery and order cut-off changes

Coming soon - Vaccine update special, issue 306 - National Immunisation Network Conference 21-22 April 2020 Imperial College, London - Booking open!

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Final ImmForm survey for reporting GP FHCW Staff flu vaccine uptake closes Tuesday 10th March

Please be reminded that the final ImmForm survey for submitting your 2019/20 GP Frontline Healthcare Worker (FHCW) **staff flu vaccine uptake closes at midnight on Tuesday 10th March 2020.** This is the final staff data collection for 2019/20 and should
include all flu immunisations given to GP staff between 1st Sept 2019 and 29th Feb 2020 inclusive.

**This GP staff flu vaccine data needs to be submitted manually.** Any GP practices who do not manually report their staff flu uptake data onto ImmForm by the **10th March deadline** will be reported as ‘non-responders’.

The ImmForm user guide can be found at this link: [ImmForm Seasonal influenza FHCW GP Staff vaccine uptake data collection tool 2019 to 2020 Guidance.pdf](https://hscic.kahootz.com/connect.ti/t_c_home/view?objectId=407556&exp=e1)

If you have any problems logging-in on ImmForm or any queries about inputting your data manually, please contact the **ImmForm Helpdesk** at helpdesk@immform.org.uk

**ACTION REQUIRED: CQRS - Seasonal Flu 2019/20 Extraction Issue**

Further to the Bulletin item in issue 353 (31 January 2020), where we advised that we have been informed of an error with the Seasonal Flu 2019/20 extraction which automatically ensures payment in the at risk groups (patients under 65 whose only eligibility criteria is having a TIA). The codes for TIA were inadvertently removed from the business rules, which means that these patients are not being included in the payment extraction despite vaccines having been given and coded appropriately. It is anticipated that the number of missed patients will be low, as it is likely that most people will have other risk factors that are captured by the current business rules.

We have been advised that the following are the codes that are not included in the Seasonal Flu automated extraction:

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As advised, there has now been a service offer to Practices on CQRS, made by the central team, for a service called ‘TIA Seasonal Flu Service 2019/20’ for a single collection of patients who have been missed from the Seasonal Flu extractions.

We are requesting that Practices **REJECT** this service offer, on the basis that we have received a significant number of data amendment requests from Practices during this flu season, which may have already included any patients with the missing codes and we need to ensure that a double payment is not made.

Practices are requested to
• check that patients with the above codes have been called for vaccination as appropriate

• check that patients with the above codes have been included in the automated extraction, through the use of another eligible risk condition coding

• submit a data amendment request for any patients who only have one of the above clinical codes and have received a flu vaccination, but have not been included in a Seasonal Flu data extraction

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  QOF 2019-20 Year-End (Action Required)
  Further to the bulletin item last week regarding QOF 2019-20 year end actions, the service offer for QOF 2020/21 will be available for Practices to accept on CQRS from Tuesday 11 March 2020. Practices must agree to participate in QOF 2020/21 on CQRS by 27 March 2020, to ensure that aspiration payments can be calculated and made from April 2020.

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