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**

**Online learning for social prescribing link workers**

The following modules have now gone live on Health Education England’s e-Learning for Healthcare platform:

- Module 3 – Developing Partnerships
- Module 4 – Introducing People to Community Groups and VCSE Organisations
- Module 5 – Safeguarding Vulnerable People

To access, please visit: [https://www.e-lfh.org.uk/programmes/social-prescribing/](https://www.e-lfh.org.uk/programmes/social-prescribing/) (People will need to register, if not already). We’d like to encourage all social prescribing link workers to complete this relevant and practical training, irrespective of who they are funded by.

**PCN Clinical Director’s Coaching Offer**

NHS England and NHS Improvement have a one off fully funded coaching opportunity specifically for PCN Clinical Directors (CD), which you may be aware of through other communications. This is an amazing opportunity to access leadership development with the coaching providing a confidential and supportive environment for CDs to explore their own leadership style and challenges.

The coaching will be provided by Beyond Coaching and their Leadership Coach Associates, through 3 x 90-120 minute sessions, between April and July 2020. To partake in this coaching offer, you must be a CD of a PCN in England and be willing to commit to three coaching sessions with a duration of 90-120 minutes before the end of July 2020. To learn more about this opportunity, please view the flyer attached. If you have any questions, please contact admin@beyond-coaching.co.uk.

The deadline for applications has been extended to Friday 20 March 2020 at 10am and the last few spaces are available. If you are interested in accessing this CD Coaching
offer, please apply through this link before all spaces are full - [https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/survey/785691d6](https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/survey/785691d6).

Please note applications are based on a first-come first-serve basis and the application may close before the deadline if full.

**Update to the GP Contract agreement 2020/21-2023/24: financial implications**

This letter provides further details of the financial implications of the Update to the GP contract agreement: 2020/21-2023/24 including:

- additional funding allocations
- funding the costs of other contract increases
- enhancements to the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme.

If you have any queries, please contact england.gpcontracts@nhs.net

**Dispensing Practices - 2019/2020 DSQS DRUMs and deadline reminder**

We wanted to remind all dispensing practices that we have requested that the second 2019/2020 DSQS return needs to be sent in to us by close of business on **Friday 20 March 2020** in order for us to process it before 31 March 2020. Once the Responsible GP has signed the form to confirm that the information provided is correct, it should be scanned and emailed to england.pharmacysouthwest@nhs.net

Also, with regards to calculating the number of DRUMs undertaken, please bear in mind the following:

- don’t forget to include patients who have left the practice or are now deceased in your searches
- patients should only be counted once, even if they have had two (or more) DRUMs during the year. Technically it is the number of patients who have had at least one DRUM in the year that needs to be reported.

If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to contact us via england.pharmacysouthwest@nhs.net

**Cervical screening update**

*For the attention of all practices, with specific additional information for Devon and Cornwall practices*

As noted in previous updates, North Bristol NHS Trust is now the provider for cervical sample testing (primary HPV screening) across the south west, except in parts of Devon and Cornwall where the service will transfer from the RD&E on 18 March.

The attached FAQs will be of relevance to all sample takers in all practices, summing up many of the questions and queries we have received over the last three months. Please cascade to all sample takers. Updated and ‘live’ FAQs will be available on the laboratory website in due course and a link will be circulated.
There is additional information regarding the transfer for Devon & Cornwall practices in the POSTER attachment. Please cascade to all sample takers in Devon and Cornwall practices.

Please note **NBT are currently taking approximately 4 weeks to report results. They are putting in a number of measures to reduce this as soon as possible but it is likely that turn around times will not recover to the recommended two weeks before the end of May. Please advise your patients of this expected timeframe for results and please do not follow up with the lab for a result until it is outside of this timeframe.**

Further updates regarding turnaround times will be provided.

**Cervical screening sample taker training update**

PHE has published updated guidance for cervical screening cervical sample taker training. This document replaces the 2016 edition and describes a post registration education pathway for new cervical sample takers in the NHS Cervical Screening Programme. It also describes the need for updated training to support sample takers in meeting their clinical and professional responsibilities for continuing professional development and revalidation. There are 3 main sections to the guidance:

- the education pathway
- cervical screening theory: 8 topics (including learning objectives and teaching checklists)
- recording forms

Training providers and cervical screening mentors need to be aware of important changes to the education pathway. These are described in the guidance:

- the introduction of an interim assessment which the trainee sample taker must complete before starting their unsupervised clinical practice
- the trainee’s mentor conducts the interim assessment (refer to section 5 of the education pathway)
- a minimum of 12 hours for the initial training (theory) course; this includes at least 3 hours practical training where the sample takers can practise their technique on a pelvic model
- the trainee sample taker must take 20 acceptable samples as determined by national guidance before undertaking a final clinical assessment (the laboratory no longer provides feedback to trainees on their TZ sampling)


**For the attention of all immunisers: reminder of the schedule change to routine childhood immunisations (PCV)**

Babies born since 01.01.20 have moved to the new schedule for the PCV vaccination programme. They should receive one dose at 12 weeks (after 25.03.2020) and one booster dose at 1 year of age. This is a positive change reflecting the success of the PCV vaccine and should be well received by parents as babies will now receive only two injectable vaccines at each of the 8, 12, and 16 week appointments. Babies born before
31.12.19 should continue to receive two primary doses (8 and 16 weeks) and one booster dose at 1 year of age.

All immunisers must:

- Familiarise themselves with the following documents:
  - Training slide set https://publichealthengland-immunisati.app.box.com/s/wkwrgsb204bawfjf2n7ucugs8cg3o9
  - Vaccine Update https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/vaccine-update

- Consider ordering a supply of the following leaflets to support parents affected by this schedule change https://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/ViewArticle.html?sp=Spcvflyerforparentsandhcps
- Review all baby imms leaflets and order new stock with the current imms schedule;
- Review vaccine ordering of PCV to reflect reduction in vaccines to be given (maximum of 2-4 weeks stock to be held locally).

- **Items for Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Practices only**
  None

- **Items for Somerset Practices only**
  None

- **Items for Devon Practices only**

  **CQRS updates**

  **QOF 2019-20 Year-End (Action Required)**
  To prepare for QOF achievement information collection at year-end, practices need to manually input achievement for the required manual indicators – QI001, QI002, QI003, and QI004, on CQRS. This must be completed by midnight on 31 March 2020, these indicators cannot be extracted automatically from your GP clinical systems. Until you complete manual data entry for these 4 indicators your QOF achievement will not calculate and you will not receive payment. This will also delay the calculation of your QOF 20/21 aspiration payment. Please review the required manual indicators user guide, attached or available on the NHS Digital website.

  **Quality and Outcome Framework (QOF) 2020-21**
  The service offer for QOF 2020/21 is now available for Practices to accept on CQRS. 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.

  **Learning Disability Health Check Scheme 2019/20**
  As we near the end of 2019/20 practices are reminded that the number of completed health checks are automatically extracted via your clinical system. Practices are required to manually input the number of patients on their LD register.
• Items for Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Practices only
  None