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
Accept 2020/21 Service Offers on CQRS as soon as possible by Wednesday 17 June 2020 via CQRS

CQRS declarations for payment in the same month 9th of each month via CQRS

- **Items for all Practices**

**Urgent action - Extension of Serious Shortage Protocol for fluoxetine 10mg tablets to 11 September 2020**

Due to ongoing supply issues, the Serious Shortage Protocol for fluoxetine 10mg tablets which was introduced on 12 March 2020, is being extended to **Friday 11 September 2020**. (This SSP was previously due to end on 12 June 2020)

If you have any questions regarding the SSPs please contact the NHS Prescription Service:

Email: nhsbsa.prescriptionservices@nhsbsa.nhs.uk
Telephone: 0300 330 1349
Textphone: 18001 0300 330 1349

To access the latest information about SSPs (including supporting guidance), please visit the following link – [https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/serious-shortage-protocols-ssps](https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/serious-shortage-protocols-ssps).

Please be aware that this is being cascaded separately to All Community Pharmacies in England.

**IMPORTANT: Ordering Shingles Vaccine Zostavax**

Please see below an important update from ImmForm regarding the ordering of the Shingles Vaccine Zostavax.

Customers are routinely advised not to order more than 2-4 weeks of stock to avoid wastage in the event of a cold chain failure. Please note that Zostavax ordered through ImmForm is currently being issued with an expiry date of **31 July 2020**. Please take account of this in considering how much to order.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.
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**COVID-19 update SW cervical sample takers**

Please ensure that cervical sample takers receive this update on the restoration and recovery of cervical screening services: 2020 06 03 COVID-19 update SW cervical sample takers.docx attached.
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