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/](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
Standardised immunisation scheduling letter for the South West from 1st September 2020

Please see the below from the South West NHS England & NHS Improvement (NHSE/I) Public Health Commissioning Team:

Dear Colleagues

NHSE/I have been working with the South West child health information services (CHIS) to develop a standardised immunisation scheduling letter for parents/guardians of pre-school children. From the 1st September all scheduling letters sent by South West CHIS will invite parents/guardians to contact their GP practice to book an appointment for their child’s immunisations, the letter will list those immunisations due and also include a record of those already given (as recorded on the child’s CHIS record). All letters will be sent 2 to 3 weeks before the child’s immunisation due date.

The new letter will also replace the 3 different versions that are currently used by the CHIS service provided by Health Intelligence and brings the service in line with other local CHIS’s. It should also simplify the process for both families and GP practices. Please find attached a copy of the new letter.

Please note the letter should not replace any call/recall processes practices use to maximise uptake of pre-school immunisations.

If there are any issues to raise in relation to the letter, please contact us at the following email address by Friday 21st August: england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net

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  None

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