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## 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](mailto:england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net)

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## Key Deadlines

Accept Seasonal Flu and Childhood Flu 2020-21 Services	by Wednesday 30 Sept 2020	via CQRS
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CQRS declarations for payment in the same month	9 <sup>th</sup> of each month	via CQRS
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## • Items for all Practices

### **New measures to support development of safe COVID-19 vaccines**

A raft of measures to allow the safe future mass rollout of a COVID-19 vaccine have been outlined by the government. The new rules and safeguards will strengthen the UK's ability to successfully deploy a UK-wide vaccination programme, which will be crucial in saving lives and bringing the current pandemic to an end. Further information is available on the [Government website](#).

A [consultation](#) has been launched, which will look to amend the Human Medicine Regulations 2012 and will last 3 weeks, seeking the opinions and advice on the proposals from health experts and key stakeholder groups.

### **ACTION REQUIRED: CQRS – 2020/21 Seasonal Flu and Childhood Flu Service Offers**

The Seasonal Flu and Childhood Flu 2020-21 Services have now been offered and are available for Practices to accept on CQRS. In order to limit the actions required around the enhanced service sign-up process this year, whilst you are responding to Covid-19, the service offers have been made in line with your sign-up in 2019-20. If you wish to amend your sign-up intentions please email [england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net](mailto:england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net) to confirm the changes, and the appropriate adjustments will be made.

Please log in to CQRS and accept these services as soon as possible and **by Wednesday 30 September 2020**, to ensure that you are included in the automated extractions.

Further information can be found at the links below:

- Information and guidance documents for each of the available services can be found on the [NHS Digital website](#)
- Information about the 2020/21 contract changes can be found on the [NHS England website](#)
- Details of these services, including the live collections timetable can be found on the [GP Collections website](#)

### **IMPORTANT: Advance notice of CQRS downtime 18-22 September 2020**

Please be aware that from Friday 18 September to the evening of the 22 September inclusive, CQRS will be offline due to system enhancements including the transition to cloud hosting. During this period, you will not be able to access CQRS for any purpose.

The September collection schedule has been revised to provide practices and commissioners with a window to declare and approve achievement in order to receive payments due in September/October. The following services are affected:

- . Rotavirus
- . Men ACWY
- . Pertussis
- . Pneumococcal
- . Men B
- . Shingles Routine
- . Shingles Catch Up
- . MMR

Data for August activity will be collected between the 1-8 September. The current deadlines for practices to declare Public Health Services remains unchanged.

If you have any system issues following the downtime, please contact the CQRS helpdesk- [support@cqrs.co.uk](mailto:support@cqrs.co.uk)

- **Items for Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Practices only**

None

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None

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