

# Public Health GP Bulletin

Section 7a: Screening & Immunisations



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## About this bulletin

The NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE/I) South West Integrated Public Health Team has taken over responsibility from the NHSE/I South West Primary Care Team for collating and issuing a rebranded, weekly Public Health GP Bulletin. This weekly bulletin is the main method of communicating with practice managers covering the 579 practices in Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Bath & North East Somerset, Swindon, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, Somerset, Devon, Dorset, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

The bulletins contain important public health information for practice managers on Section 7a screening and immunisation programmes, which are commissioned by NHSE/I. Content may include requests for information and deadlines affecting payments, as well as updates on issues relating to GP contracts.

Current issues and back copies of the bulletins and attachments are available on the NHSE/I website [here](#).

If you have any questions or wish to provide feedback, please contact the Integrated Public Health Team on [england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net](mailto:england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net)

## Reminder: Infant pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV13) schedule

A number of children born after 01/02/2020 have been identified across the South West of having their PCV13 vaccination prior to 12 weeks. Guidance for healthcare practitioners published by Public Health England details the changes to the infant pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV13) schedule. Included in this guidance is what to do if infants are given the incorrect schedule for their date of birth – for infants born on/after 1 January 2020 who are inadvertently given a dose of PCV13 before 12 weeks of age (84 days) should be offered a second dose of PCV13 from 12 weeks of age allowing a minimum interval of 4 weeks between PCV13 doses.

All children will require a 12 month booster dose of PCV.

## GP Script regarding current position on the vaccinating of 50-64 yr. olds for flu

Please find below **UPDATED** script for info regarding the current position on practices getting enquiries from those aged 50-64 requesting a flu vaccination, this has been circulated to system comms leads and will go into next Fridays GP Bulletin from us.

### Script for 50-64 year olds requesting a flu vaccination in 20/21

Whilst we've received information that all 50-64 year olds may be eligible for a free flu vaccination as part of plans to protect more people against seasonal flu, these free vaccinations will be subject to delivery later in the year.

This allows us (GP's and community pharmacists) to focus on those who are in an at risk group, such as pregnant women and people with long term health conditions. They will be given priority and offered the vaccine first; if you are in this category you will be contacted.

If you are aged 50-64 and not in one of the at risk categories you will be made aware in the coming months if you will be able to attend for vaccination. If the programme is extended this is likely to be November or December.

### Key Deadlines

CQRS declarations for payment in the same month	9 <sup>th</sup> of each month	Via CQRS
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