

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

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Key Deadlines

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- **Items for all Practices**

National Flu Vaccine Stock - DHSC Stock and Exceptional Order Guidance

Please find attached guidance on ordering influenza vaccinations from National Flu Vaccine Stock and the process for exceptional orders

Statement on the childhood flu programme: the alternative offer to live attenuated Influenza vaccine (LAIV)

As set out in the flu letter published on 5 August 2020, this season an offer of inactivated Influenza vaccine (IIV) is also being made to children whose parents refuse live attenuated Influenza vaccine (LAIV) due to the porcine gelatine content, subject to vaccine availability.

This statement hereby confirms that from 18 November 2020 this offer can now be made.

Arrangements should be made to ensure that children who previously declined vaccination due to the porcine gelatine content, are recalled and offered the alternative vaccine.

For confirmation that the use of the 'Inactivated Influenza Vaccine patient group direction (PGD) V08.00' may be extended to children whose parents refuse LAIV due to the porcine gelatine content, see the extension of eligible cohorts at: Inactivated Influenza Vaccine PGD V08.00: extension of eligible cohorts

Vaccine for this cohort is now available to order by General Practice and school aged immunisation teams via ImmForm.

Please see:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-flu-immunisation-programme-plan

Please find attached the Inactivated influenza vaccine Patient Group Direction (PGD) or use the below link to access:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/intramuscular-inactivated-influenza-vaccine-patient-group-direction-pgd-template

CQRS Seasonal Flu programme 2020/21 your declarations and payments

The seasonal flu season is well under way and we are aware of all the hard work you and your teams are doing to deliver this programme, with the added pressures due to the current climate. We thank you for your continued support with this important Public Health vaccination programme.

The current flu programme does not include those in the 50-64 year-old age group, who are not in an eligible group detailed within the service specification. The programme may be extended in due course to include these patients, however, until this is confirmed Practices will not receive payment for vaccinating these patients.

Following the Seasonal flu extractions for September and October activity, we have noticed that some practices across the South West appeared to have activity in the 50-64 year-old age group who are not in an eligible group detailed within the service specification, and therefore are not eligible for payment.

Indicators not currently included for payment are detailed below, and there should be no activity against these indicators -

SFLU011	Monthly count of patients aged 50-54 years on 31 March 2021 who have received a seasonal influenza vaccination using the recommended vaccine by the GP practice, within the reporting period.
SFLU012	Monthly count of patients aged 55-59 years on 31 March 2021 who have received a seasonal influenza vaccination using the recommended vaccine by the GP practice, within the reporting period.
SFLU013	Monthly count of patients aged 60-64 years on 31 March 2021 who have received a seasonal influenza vaccination using the recommended vaccine by the GP practice, within the reporting period.

For those practices who have activity against this cohort, we are asking you to review your data before you declare to resolve any discrepancies. Please note that where you have declared activity against these indicators, we may place your payment on hold or request a post payment verification at a later stage.

Action to be taken

If your practice has not yet declared your September or October activity, please log into CQRS and check your data against your clinical system. If the data is inaccurate and requires amendment, please submit the appropriate manual data amendment request form with the appropriate supporting information.

If you have delivered to this group in error, you will not receive payment and you will need to complete a manual data amendment request form requesting that those vaccinations are removed from your claim.

If you have not delivered to this group and you believe this error is due to a coding issue, please complete a manual data amendment request form to remove the activity from the above indicators and move the activity to the correct indicator(s), with the appropriate supporting information.

Coding issues

Where you have identified a coding issue, please provide details with your data amendment request (do not include patient information) and ensure that the appropriate actions are in place to resolve this for future extractions.

If you have not been able to identify the reason for incorrectly extracted data, please contact your clinical system supplier to help you investigate and resolve any issues for future extractions.

We are working on some further guidance following feedback received from you and we will issue this in due course.

Future extractions

To ensure that your future seasonal flu payments are not placed on hold please ensure that you are-

- adhering to the Seasonal Flu service specification and business rules and only delivering to agreed cohorts (links below)
- providing adequate training to your staff and so that they are aware of current business rules (links below)
- checking the extracted data every month and only declare for payment if it is correct, if the data is inaccurate and requires amendment, please submit the appropriate manual data amendment request form with the appropriate supporting evidence

Service Specifications and Business Rules:

- Directed Enhanced Service Specification (DES) for the seasonal flu and pneumococcal vaccination programme 2020/21 (Version 3 now available) <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/directed-enhanced-service-specification-seasonal-influenza-and-pneumococcal-polysaccharide-vaccination-programme-2020-21/>
- 2020-21 Business Rules are here: <https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-collections-and-data-sets/data-collections/quality-and-outcomes-framework-qof/quality-and-outcome-framework-qof-business-rules/enhanced-services-es-vaccination-and-immunisation-vi-and-core-contract-components-2020-20>

Submitting a manual data amendment

Please submit the appropriate manual data amendment request form with the appropriate supporting information.

BaNES, Gloucestershire, Swindon, Wiltshire and Dorset - please use the attached updated CQRS manual change sheet (V1.9) which now includes the new service indicators for Seasonal Flu and return to Public Health team
phcontractssouthwest@nhs.net

BNSSG, Somerset, Devon and Kernow – please use the attached updated CQRS Data Amendment Form v3, and return to Primary Care team
england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net

Please share this information with anyone who provides administration support for CQRS at your practice.

Resumption of NHS Breast Screening for Self-referrers – FOR Information

As you will be aware, during the restoration of services following the initial coronavirus outbreak, NHS breast screening services temporarily paused taking self-referrals from women aged 71 and over. Following a planned review of this decision, screening of self-referrers has been resumed with immediate effect, and all services can once again accept self-referrals from women aged 71 and over who would like to continue to be screened at 3 year intervals. To ensure that this is as equitable as possible alongside those ladies aged 50-70 in the backlog for screening, self-referrers will be given any available short-notice appointments that have not been filled by the eligible cohort (50-70 year old cohort) or offered an appointment in due course.

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