

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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 - None

Key Deadlines

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- **Items for all Practices**

RCARS COVID-19 Newsletter 21.03.21

We are pleased to share up to date COVID-19 vaccination advice. Please see the Reasonable Adjustments document attachment also.

Updated version of the South West Targeted Childhood Imms Claim form – V7.0

Please find attached an updated version of our South West Targeted Childhood Imms Claim form – V7.0.

All regular submissions for Targeted Childhood Immunisations should be made via Open Exeter system within the appropriate timeframes for payments can be calculated via the NHAIS system.

When the submission deadlines are missed on Open Exeter the list is locked and cannot be amended or submitted. In these situations, you can complete the attached form and return it to phcontractssouthwest@nhs.net with a screenshot, this can be either a "GP Immunisation Target Report" from your clinical system or a screenshot from Open Exeter but neither must not contain patient identifiable information. All fields need to be completed on the form and supporting evidence provided for us to be able to review the request.

Please note you have 3 months to claim after you have missed the Open Exeter deadline. NHS England & Improvement are not required to process late claims where the NHE England & Improvement deadline has been missed as detailed below in the submission timetable.

Regular Submission					Delayed Submission
Quarter	List Open	List End	Submitted on Exeter by	Payment	<i>If Exeter deadline missed: Late Claim to be sent to NHS England & Improvement Public Health Team by:</i>
Q1	01-Apr	30-Jun	01-Aug	End of Sep	31-Oct
Q2	01-Jul	30-Sep	01-Nov	End of Dec	31-Jan
Q3	01-Oct	31-Dec	01-Feb	End of Mar	30-Apr
Q4	01-Jan	31-Mar	01-May	End of Jun	31-Jul

If you have any queries regarding this process please email phcontractssouthwest@nhs.net

Breast Screening and Covid Vaccinations

NHSE/I Public Health Commissioning and Operations are sighted and aware of the following articles relating to Impact of covid vaccine on lymphadenopathy where some clinicians are suggesting that women delay their breast screening appointment for up to 4-6 weeks after receiving the vaccination.

<https://www.bmj.com/content/372/bmj.n617>

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-9320457/Mammograms-pick-harmless-breast-lumps-Covid-vaccine.html>

Please note that there are no current changes to screening guidance and PHE have written the attached information stating the advice regarding the scheduling of mammograms has not altered. There is currently no requirement for women to be advised to wait for a period of time following a Covid-19 vaccination before attending a screening appointment.

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

None

- **Items for Bath & North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Practices only**

Hepatitis B Pathway for babies born to Hepatitis B positive Mothers

Please see document attached

School Aged Immunisation Community Clinic Schedule for B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire – March to July 2021

The School Aged Immunisation Team covering B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire, provided by Virgin Care Ltd, are sharing their updated community clinic schedule for March to July 2021, which is attached to this bulletin. You can also access the schedule through the team's website: [Immunisation Service - Wiltshire Children's Community Services \(wiltshirechildrensservices.co.uk\)](http://immunisation.service-wiltshirechildrenscommunityservices.wiltshirechildrensservices.co.uk). These community clinics are for the delivery of the meningitis ACWY (MenACWY), human papillomavirus (HPV), and tetanus, diphtheria and polio (Td/IPV) vaccinations for adolescents.

Please note that children require an appointment to attend a community clinic. Parents should be signposted directly to the School Aged Immunisation Team using the contact details below in order to book an appointment.

Should you have any questions or queries, please contact the School Aged Immunisation Team by phone on 0300 247 0082 or email: Vcl.immunisations@nhs.net.

- **Items for Gloucestershire Practices only**

Hepatitis B Pathway for babies born to Hepatitis B positive Mothers

Please see document attached

- **Items for Somerset Practices only**

None

- **Items for Devon Practices only**

None

- **Items for Dorset Practices only**

None

- **Items for Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Practices only**

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