

# 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)

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## Key Deadlines

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- **Items for all Practices**

## RCARS COVID-19 Newsletter 16.04.21

We are pleased to share up to date COVID-19 vaccination advice, please see document attached along with the one supporting document:

- Frequently Asked Questions: MHRA and JCVI guidance on AstraZeneca
- COVID-19 vaccine and very rare clotting disorders

## Administration of childhood immunisations under a Patient Group Direction (PGD)

Please be reminded that when administering childhood immunisations under the legal framework of a PGD, the whole process (consent, drawing up, administration and recording) must be carried out by the same practitioner, and no parts of the process can be delegated, including to other healthcare professionals. We understand that in some cases, clinics are run by two practice nurses or a practice nurse and an administrator, in order to maximise efficiency of the clinic and provide reassurance to the child. The legislation for PGDs does not allow for delegation of any part of the vaccination process to be undertaken by anyone other than the administering clinician, and therefore one nurse undertaking consent and record keeping and another preparing/administering is not valid within the legislation.

Further information can be found at <https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/what-is-a-patient-group-direction-pgd/>

## New social media cards to promote routine vaccinations

You may have seen within the latest [Vaccine Update](#) new social media cards to promote routine vaccinations. These are ready to share on social media, WhatsApp, websites and channels, they promote the routine childhood vaccination programme and the need for parents to make sure children are up to date with their important routine immunisations.

Nationally they have had reports that parents still think that vaccinations are not happening due to the pandemic and so we wish to support in the South West by sharing through all our channels. Please share them widely with partners and on all your networks – we are keen to encourage pregnant mothers, parents and carers of infants, children and young people to ensure their child is up to date with routine immunisations, especially as school settings are opening and a return to the classroom.

There are 2 versions of each card:

- landscape – which is better for digital display screens and Twitter
- square – more suited for Instagram, WhatsApp and websites.

Both can be downloaded from the Health Publications and ordered using product code: 2020058



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