

# 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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### RCARS COVID-19 Newsletter 23.04.21

We are pleased to share up to date COVID-19 vaccination advice. Please find newsletter attached.

### Rabies post-exposure treatment: management guidelines

Please see attached document. For any queries contact [Jennifer.Taylor@phe.gov.uk](mailto:Jennifer.Taylor@phe.gov.uk) or [swhpt@phe.gov.uk](mailto:swhpt@phe.gov.uk)

### Shingles vaccination for Age 80 – extended to 31 July 2021

We continue to be very grateful for the care you are delivering to your patients as the Covid-19 pandemic continues. Individuals become eligible for routine vaccination against shingles when they become 70 years of age and all those aged up to and including 79 years, are now eligible to receive the vaccine until they become 80 years of age.

We had previously advised that individuals who were eligible for the Shingles vaccination programme who turned 80 years during the COVID-19 pandemic (since 01 Feb 2020) and missed the opportunity to be vaccinated, either due to lockdown or because they were shielding at home and unable to attend their general practice, could continue to be vaccinated up to the 31 March 2021. **This has now been further extended until 31 July 2021.**

There are no contractual changes to this programme: offer of vaccination is opportunistic or if requested for the catch up cohort, i.e. those aged 71-79 years. GPs will continue to be reimbursed the standard item of service fee which should continue to be claimed manually. Payment for this will be at the same rate as the Shingles vaccine.

Practices delivering to this small cohort that may have missed should submit a manual payment claim to [phcontractssouthwest@nhs.net](mailto:phcontractssouthwest@nhs.net).

- **BaNES, Gloucestershire, Swindon, Wiltshire and Dorset** - please use the attached CQRS manual change sheet (V2.0) and return to Public Health team [phcontractssouthwest@nhs.net](mailto:phcontractssouthwest@nhs.net)

- **BNSSG, Somerset, Devon and Kernow** – please use the attached CQRS Data Amendment Form v3, and return to Primary Care team [england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net](mailto:england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net)

All other ages for shingles should be coded as normal and will be automatically extracted via CQRS as previously. We also continue to advise that practices do not order more than 2-4 weeks of stock to avoid wastage in the event of a cold chain failure.

As this cohort will not be included in the Shingles PGD, a Patient Specific Direction (PSD) should be used by practices for this specific cohort of patients.

## **Clinical Advice Response Service – how to contact us from May 2021**

From the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 please can all clinical queries and incidents in the COVID vaccine programme be sent directly to the clinical advice response service to the email below. This change is in line with the changes NHSEI have made to the incident response level.

[england.swcovid19-cars@nhs.net](mailto:england.swcovid19-cars@nhs.net)

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