

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**

RCARS COVID-19 Newsletter 13.08.21

We are pleased to share up to date COVID-19 vaccination advice. Please find attached along with two further related attachments.

SEPTEMBER 2021 SOUTH WEST 'STARTING SCHOOL' IMMUNISATION CAMPAIGN

Please ensure your practice Immunisation Leads are aware of this article if not already sighted to this bulletin..

As the start of the new school year approaches parents across the South West urged to check their child is up to date with important vaccinations . We wanted to ensure you were sighted on the plan for NHS England and Improvement to launch a local campaign to encourage uptake in vaccinations amongst 0-5. This is expected to be run in September for a minimum of 2 weeks. This will predominately highlight data found within published COVER statistics for the local area. Promotional materials are being drawn from [Immunisations: resources for schools - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/immunisations-resources-for-schools) should you like to couple this with your own local promotions.

If you have any queries regarding the campaign please email england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net.

New PGDs authorised for the vaccination of patients registered with NHS medical practices in the South West of England

Your team can now download new PGDs that have been authorised for the vaccination of patients registered with NHS medical practices in the South West of England. <https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/info-professional/pgd/south-west/downloads/>

Note that PGDs can only be used as legal authorisation by a limited number of registered health professions. Other staff that cannot prescribe will require a patient specific direction (guidance [here](#)).

Three new PGDs have been authorised for a range of registered healthcare professionals to use.

1. Inactivated influenza IM vaccine PGD V09.00

for the administration of inactivated influenza vaccine to individuals in accordance with the national influenza immunisation programme.

Changes from V8.00:

- includes eligible cohorts for the 2021/22 season
- includes the inactivated influenza vaccines for the 2021/22 season
- includes minor rewording, layout and formatting changes for clarity and consistency with other PHE PGDs

2. Live attenuated influenza intranasal vaccine (LAIV) PGD V10.00

for the supply and administration, or supply only, of live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) nasal spray suspension (Fluenz Tetra) to children and adolescents from 2 years to under 18 years of age in accordance with the national flu immunisation programme.

Changes from V9.00:

- includes eligible cohorts for the 2021/22 season

3. HPV vaccine PGD V04.00

for the administration of human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV) to individuals from 12 years of age or from school year 8 in accordance with the national immunisation programme

Changes from V03.00:

- includes the 9-valent vaccine (Gardasil® 9)
- includes minor rewording, layout and formatting changes for clarity and consistency with other PHE PGD templates

General Practice Enhanced Service Specifications for the Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Programme 2021/22

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Following the publication of the [Annual Flu letter](#) on 17th July 2021, the [Enhanced Service Specifications for the Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Programme 2021/22](#) have now been released.

This year's General Practice Service Specifications are largely based on the 2020/21 Flu Service Specifications, with the exception that the Seasonal Influenza Vaccination

Programme specification (covering adults and at-risk groups) will be commissioned as an Enhanced Service this year to enable greater responsiveness to any subsequent JCVI advice or Government policy. A further key change to this season's Enhanced Service Specification is that Practices will be able to vaccinate various cohorts of patients who are not registered with the Practice.

As in previous years, Practices will be invited to participate in the 2021/22 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Programme Enhanced Services at the beginning of September via sign up on CQRS and further information will be included in our weekly bulletin to indicate when sign up is available on the CQRS system. In the meantime, if you **don't** believe your Practice is able to deliver this year's flu programme, please confirm this by email to phcontractssouthwest@nhs.net by Friday, 13th August 2021. This message has already been communicated to all G practice managers on 4th August.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Practices for their continued support in delivering this important public health vaccination programme and we look forward to working with you again this year to build on the achievements of last season.

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