

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 27.08.21

We are pleased to share up to date COVID-19 vaccination advice.

NHS Breast Screening Programme - Request for GP practices changes to be notified to Breast Screening Providers

A gentle reminder to request that GP practices notify at the earliest opportunity any service changes including, practice configurations, closures, mergers, and new practices being developed. This will ensure all Breast Screening Services have the latest information on GP practices in their locality to ensure they are inviting the appropriate eligible population in accordance to their round plan. Breast screening services typically invite women for screening, according to the GP practice they are registered with. Any changes in GP practice configurations impact significantly on a breast screening service round plan and service planning. The more notice a BSO has of a GP practice configuration change, the more able they are to assess the impact and make the necessary changes to avoid women being invited late. It is requested that as much notice as possible is given of any changes in practice configurations to support breast screening services.

NHS Breast Screening Programme – General

All of the local programmes in the South West are continuing to do everything they can to clear the backlog in Breast Screening caused by COVID impacts. The national ambition is that programmes should be fully recovered by March 2022 and they are on track to achieve this in the majority of areas. We are hearing from the programmes that a number of practice facilitators are sending reminder texts to ladies to encourage breast screening uptake. This is really positive and to be commended but please could facilitators contact the screening programme before doing anything to ensure only women due Breast Screening are contacted. Many thanks.

For information a new eLearning resource, 'Introduction to breast screening' is available on the e-Learning for Healthcare website. The resource aims to help learners understand: • *what breast screening is* • *who is eligible for breast screening and why* • *the breast screening pathway* • *roles and responsibilities of different staff groups*.

Seqirus Flu Vaccine Stock Delay

We have this morning been informed that Seqirus flu vaccine stock due to be delivered next week has been delayed. This supply is received from Spain and the knock-on effect will result in a delay in deliveries of this stock out to providers of between one to two weeks.

We appreciate this is a frustrating situation to be in and can assure you that we are in constant communications with Seqirus about this. If anything changes, or we receive further information, we will share this with you.

Please note, at the moment, movement of flu vaccines between practices / PCNs / providers has not been approved by the MHRA.

LAIV and other manufacturers' flu vaccine stock are currently not affected.

Update on Flu Comms Publications

Please find attached a list of materials to support uptake of the 21/22 Flu programme, published by PHE, for your information. The children and young people's leaflets and posters have been translated and produced in accessible versions. All links are provided in the attachment.

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