



Public Health GP Bulletin

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Section 7a: Screening & Immunisations

About this bulletin:

This weekly bulletin is the NHSE/I South West Integrated Public Health Team's main method of communicating with Practice Managers in BNSSG, BSW, Cornwall & IOS, Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire and Somerset.

The bulletin contains important Public Health information relating to Section 7a Screening and Immunisation programmes 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 at england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net

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ICARS COVID-19 Newsletter

We are pleased to bring you the latest updates from our ICARS service. This newsletter is attached to your email.

Seasonal flu vaccine reimbursement

[Seasonal flu vaccine reimbursement](#)

2021/22 flu reimbursement claims are expected to be reviewed. Throughout the flu season providers should keep records of the vaccines ordered, received, and administered.

CQRS NOTIFICATION - 2021/22 NHSEI PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSIONED SERVICES

This is a notification regarding the Public Health Section 7a Services that NHS England commission from you for 2021-22 via CQRS.

The first extraction to include Influenza vaccinations delivered will take place on 9th October 2021.

Updated CQRS manual form, Service Descriptions and Payment Indicators

Attached to this bulletin is an updated CQRS manual form (v.7) for use by **BaNES, Gloucestershire, Swindon, Wiltshire and Dorset** practices only.

BNSSG, Somerset, Devon and Kernow practices should continue to use the current form.

Also attached is an updated service descriptions and payment indicator document (v4.0) which now includes information for the Seasonal and Childhood Influenza programmes.

Seasonal Flu 2021-22 Business Rules

The Seasonal Flu 2021-22 Business Rules have now been published

[Enhanced Services \(ES\) Vaccination & Immunisation \(V&I\) and core contract components \(CC\) business rules 2021-2022 - NHS Digital](#)

Further information and guidance will follow

Claiming delivery of Flu vaccinations for non-registered patients

As per section 9.1.11 of the updated Enhanced specification practices will be required to first register the patient within their existing GP IT clinical system using the 'Immediately Necessary Treatment' registration status and then code the vaccination event as per the usual process for registered patients in these cohorts. **Practices must not create Temporary Residence (TR) records for non-registered patients.**

We request that practices do not submit manual claim forms for patients coded as 'Immediate and Necessary'

Further information regarding how payment will flow will be shared as soon as available.

Amended Enhanced Service Specification: Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Programme 2021/22

An updated version of the amended Enhanced Service Specification: Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Programme 2021/22 document which included reference to co-administration and synergistic delivery of influenza vaccine with COVID was circulated in a special bulletin dated 4th October 2021. This is to confirm that there is no expectation for practices to co-administer the COVID vaccine with the Influenza vaccination but can choose to do so where it naturally lines up.

Details of CQRS services, including the live collections timetable can be found on the GP Collections website:

<https://digital.nhs.uk/GP-collections>

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact to us.

- For **BaNES, Gloucestershire, Swindon, Wiltshire and Dorset** practices please contact the Public Health Commissioning team phcontractssouthwest@nhs.net
- For **BNSSG, Somerset, Devon and Kernow** practices please contact the Public Health Commissioning team england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net

Thank you

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Newborn Bloodspot Test Results

Attention Practice Manager and Practice Nurse,

As you may be aware a bi-partite letter has been issued relating to rotavirus vaccination and SCID newborn bloodspot screening.

- A 2-year evaluation of screening for severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID) started on 1st September.
- Babies with SCID should not be vaccinated with a live virus so BCG and Rotarix are contraindicated.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rotavirus-immunisation-programme-changes-from-september-2021-letter>

CHIS (Child Health Information Service) will be sending you the results of all 10 newborn bloodspot tests for babies registered at your practice (or whose mother is registered if they are not yet registered) at approximately 28 days of age. SCID screening is not being offered in this area so the results will show "Screening not offered" unless the baby has moved here from an area where screening is taking place. We do not yet have a confirmed start date as of yet but in addition a column has been added to the CSV list we send of children due immunisations showing the SCID result for each baby. It is not on the PDF version of the list.

Finally, we have added a line to the immunisation reminder letter asking parents/carers to bring their baby's bloodspot results letter to their first appointment for clinicians to see if they wish.

If you have any general queries about the changes please contact Tracy Cook, GP Engagement Manager tracy.cook@inhealth-intelligence.com or for emails including PID please use tracy.cook22@nhs.net.