

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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- Items for Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Practices only
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Key Deadlines

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- **Items for all Practices**

RCARS COVID-19 Newsletter 10.09.21

We are pleased to share up to date COVID-19 vaccination advice plus one further attachment for your attention.

CQRS NOTIFICATION - 2021/22 NHSEI PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSIONED SERVICES

SEASONAL FLU AND CHILDHOOD FLU SIGN UP

REMINDER Now available for Sign Up on CQRS

This is a notification regarding the Public Health Section 7a Services that NHS England would like to commission from you for 2021-22 via CQRS, the enhanced services listed below are **now available for sign up**.

These enhanced services have been offered on CQRS by us, allowing you to participate and provide achievement data for the services via the system, your sign up to these programmes on CQRS is an agreement to deliver the service in full or if you do not wish to, you should inform us that you have not signed up and are therefore not intending to deliver one or more of these services listed.

Automated services

- Seasonal Flu Service 2021/22
- Childhood Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Programme 2021/22.

Please note that sign up on CQRS will enable you to claim against these services for payment.

We request that practices sign up to these ES programmes by **COP 30th September 2021**. The first extraction will take place on **9th October 2021**. Sign up onto CQRS enables you to claim against these services for payment. If you miss the cut-off date for the sign up, your practice may not be included in the automated extraction. Therefore, if you are planning on delivering these services to your patients, then you must log in to CQRS and sign up when the services are released.

Updated CQRS manual form, Service Descriptions and Payment Indicators

An updated CQRS manual form, updated list of service descriptions and payment indicators and business rules will be shared shortly

Service Specifications

The Service Specifications for these Enhanced Services can be accessed via the following links.

[Enhanced Service Specification: Seasonal influenza vaccination programme 2021/22](#)

[Enhanced Service Specification: Childhood seasonal influenza vaccination programme 2021/22](#)

Information about the 2021/22 contract changes can be found on the NHS England website.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/gp/gpfv/investment/gp-contract/>

Details of these 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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Checking SCID screening results prior to rotavirus delivery

Public Health England (PHE), the UK National Screening Committee (UK NSC) and NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSEI) have now launched an [evaluation of newborn blood spot screening for severe combined immunodeficiency \(SCID\) in England](#). Please note that the South West is NOT a SCID-screening area in the evaluation, but that there are implications in all areas for the delivery of infant BCG and rotavirus vaccines, as all live vaccines are contraindicated in babies with a SCID diagnosis.

Primary care colleagues will need to check that babies have a 'SCID negative' or 'SCID not offered' result prior to administering rotavirus (Rotarix) vaccinations at the 8 week vaccination appointment. This information will be available via Child Health Information Services (CHIS). Your local CHIS will be in contact with you shortly to let you know how the SCID screening results will be sent to the practice.

The parents of any baby that has received a SCID screen positive result will be contacted by a specialist immunology team and an appointment arranged within 24 working hours of this contact. This team will recommend further diagnostic tests to confirm whether the baby has a problem with their immune system or not. If diagnostic tests are negative, a letter confirming the outcome of the investigations will be issued to parents and copied to GP and Health Visitor. This letter also confirms that vaccinations can now be given as usual including BCG and rotavirus vaccine.

For further details, please see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bcg-immunisation-programme-changes-from-september-2021-letter>. We are expecting a further letter regarding changes to the rotavirus vaccination programme to take into account the SCID screening and will circulate this when we receive it.

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