

# 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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CQRS enhanced services sign-up for flu	30 <sup>th</sup> September	See item 2 for details
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## ICARS COVID-19 Newsletter 17.09.21

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

### Seasonal Flu and Childhood Flu Sign-up Reminder

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 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021**. The first extraction will take place on **9<sup>th</sup> 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/gp/v/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](mailto:phcontractssouthwest@nhs.net)
- For **BNSSG, Somerset, Devon and Kernow** practices please contact the Public Health Commissioning team [england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net](mailto:england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net)

## Guidance on Rotavirus Vaccination at 8 Weeks of Age in Relation to the Introduction of Newborn Screening for Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID)

The evaluation of newborn screening for Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID) went live from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021. The South West is NOT a SCID screening pilot area but as a result of this new screening programme, changes to infant BCG and rotavirus vaccine delivery have to be adopted nationally to account for families moving between areas and to provide a consistent and safe service. The PHE and NHSEI letter setting out [guidance on rotavirus vaccination in relation to the forthcoming evaluation of the introduction of newborn screening for Severe Combined Immunodeficiency \(SCID\)](#) has now been published.

### Key Actions for Primary Care Colleagues:

- Practices should update their protocols to ensure that where SCID results (including SCID screening not offered) have been received by the practice, they are available to the patient record for the practice nurse at the 8 week immunisation appointment.
- Immunisers should make reasonable efforts to ascertain the SCID screening outcome before administering rotavirus vaccine. This would involve checking for a record in the Red Book, the GP record, screening outcome information sent by CHIS, or with the parent or caregiver.

In the South West, we are working with CHIS teams to ensure that SCID screening results are being sent to babies' GP practices to allow immunisers to check results prior to administering a rotavirus vaccination and your local CHIS team should be in contact with you.

## Flu Documents

Please find attached:

- 'Key Messages for Reception Staff'
- 'Clarification - Medicine Movement'

## Prescribing and Administration Mechanisms for NHS Staff Flu Vaccinations

There have been some queries around the influenza National Protocol and exclusion of NHS staff from both this and National PGDs.

The national documents cannot cover influenza occupational health vaccinations and therefore the most appropriate mechanism for an organisation (local PGD or Written instruction) needs to be chosen and developed locally as in previous years. A template for the influenza written direction is available on the SPS website <https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/written-instruction-for-the-administration-of-seasonal-flu-vaccination/>.

This does mean that aligning flu and Covid vaccinations may be more complicated where the national protocol is used for Covid-19 NHS Staff vaccinations. An additional

step/cubicle for flu vaccines, rather than administration by the same vaccinator, may need to be considered if this can be done safely.

To note, this only affects occupational health vaccinations which are employer led and not nationally commissioned.