



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 along with associated documents.

ImmForm November Upload Reminder

Please see attached document.

South West School Aged Immunisations Pathways for 2021/22

In October we shared with you the 2021/22 pathways for school aged immunisations delivered across the south west and have re-attached the documents for each locality to this bulletin as a reminder.

Please review the document for your relevant locality to support local practices in understanding the school aged immunisations programme and the commissioning arrangements that are in place where a child or young person is no longer part of the school aged Immunisation programme.

In some instances, practices are already commissioned to deliver to that group or opportunistic vaccination may be supported and paid as an Item of Service fee. Please note that this may differ across regions so please review your locality pathway.

If you have any questions about the school aged immunisation service please contact your school aged immunisation team using the contact details provided on page 9 of your pathways document.

Please share this information with the Immunisation lead at your practice.

Seasonal Flu Delivery in your Practice

Following the email sent out on 26th November 2021, we are undertaking a GP Practice survey regarding vaccine deliveries and planned clinics so that areas requiring support, guidance and information can be targeted to help increase uptake. **Please could you share the link below with your Practice Immunisation Lead to ensure a response has been submitted by your Practice by close of business on 3rd December 2021 -**

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=kp4VA8ZyI0umSq9Q55Cty8bE7NPsq5GtmCRG6H7jpdUODZUVVJJU1VCSFNANUIVWkVRSkFOUIBBSC4u>

We appreciate the pressures across healthcare and very much appreciate your support with this important Public Health Immunisation programme.

Proposed Changes to the GP Bulletin Distribution List

At the moment, this Public Health Commissioning GP Bulletin is sent to Practice Managers, who are then asked to distribute it to their colleagues as appropriate. As the bulletin contains important updates relating to Section 7A immunisation programmes, it has been suggested that we add practice Immunisation Leads to this list so that they receive the bulletin directly.

We have consulted with the LMCs across the region and they support this change, which we propose to make in the new year. We would also welcome your feedback, so please send any comments FAO Joy Rickard to phcontractssouthwest@nhs.net. Equally, please take this opportunity to confirm the name and email address of your Immunisation Lead so that they can be added to our distribution list.