



# Public Health GP Bulletin

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## **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](mailto: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.

## CQRS Notification- 2021/22 NHSEI Public Health Commissioned Services

**This is a notification regarding Public Health Section 7a services that NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSEI) commission from you via Calculating Quality Reporting Service (CQRS)**

\*\*\*\*Reminder\*\*\*\*

## Seasonal Influenza and COVID-19 Primary Care Staff Vaccination Recording 2021/22

As part of the 2021/22 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Programme, primary care contractors (general medical services, pharmaceutical services, general dental services and general ophthalmic services) and their frontline staff in clinical and non-clinical patient-facing roles will be eligible for an NHS flu vaccination this year. The adult seasonal flu Enhanced Service includes a requirement for general practice to return to the commissioner (NHSE), by no later than the 31 January 2022 and 30 April 2022 respectively, data on the number of primary care staff that they have vaccinated.

In addition, this data collection will seek voluntary information on the flu vaccination and COVID-19 vaccination status of practice staff. This data is being requested to help inform future planning to support encouraging vaccine uptake amongst the workforce, and for COVID-19 to support ongoing planning around workforce capacity and service provision.

For the COVID-19 vaccine, new regulations come into effect from 1 April 2022 which will require individuals undertaking CQC regulated activities in England AND engaging in face-to-face care with patients to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Further detail is available at [www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination-programme/vaccination-as-a-condition-of-deployment-for-all-healthcare-workers/](http://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination-programme/vaccination-as-a-condition-of-deployment-for-all-healthcare-workers/). These indicators request information on the number of staff employed or otherwise deployed in the practice who have either a) received a first and second dose of the vaccine; b) have a medical exemption or c) do not intend to get vaccinated by 31 March 2022. Data is requested for the following groups:

- **GPs.** This includes all GPs employed or engaged within the practice, including GP partners, salaried GPs, GP locums, foundation doctors and GP registrars.
- **Direct Patient Care.** This includes nurses, PCN staff employed or engaged through the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (see full list here <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/network-contract-des-specification-2021-22/>), and other allied health professionals, including those in training.
- **Admin / non-clinical roles.** This includes practice managers, receptionists, estates, students, volunteers or any other ancillary roles deployed within the practice. For flu vaccination status this includes the number of practice and PCN staff who have received a flu vaccination via any route, with data being requested on the number of practice staff vaccinated for flu:
  - through the NHS scheme as primary care staff,
  - through the NHS scheme as another eligible cohort,
  - privately,
  - via occupational health, or

- via another route.

This service is available now for sign up in CQRS. We request that practices sign up by **12th January 2022**.

#### **Information and Actions Required**

- This is for the manual entry service of twenty-seven Management Information indicators
- There is no declaration required for this service as it is for Management Indicators only
- You will be able to download a csv version of the data held within CQRS as per the current reporting process.

Should a Service Provider not return data for the voluntary information on practice staff vaccination status, then the service providers will need to input as 'zeros' and confirm accordingly to the commissioner. If you have any queries relating, please do not hesitate to contact us at the contact details below.

**BaNES, Gloucestershire, Swindon, Wiltshire and Dorset** practices please contact the Integrated Public Health Commissioning Team [phcontractssouthwest@nhs.net](mailto:phcontractssouthwest@nhs.net)

**BNSSG, Somerset, Devon and Kernow** practices please contact the South West Primary Care Team [england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net](mailto:england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net)

Thank you

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## December Monthly Flu Data Reminder

Please read the attachment titled 'December Monthly Flu Data Reminder' as a matter of urgency as it relates to mandatory flu data due for submission next week on Thursday 13th January 2022.

## Training resource for COVID vaccinators: Intramuscular injection technique

Please see this useful resource to add to your training materials for new and existing vaccinators to help ensure correct injection technique.

Incorrect administration, particularly injecting too high on the arm, can result in shoulder injury and a number of such incidents have been reported to the regional clinical team recently.

This video by Sophie McCracken, paramedic clinical advisor, shows how to correctly administer intramuscular injections, including the process of 'landmarking' to ensure the correct site on the deltoid muscle is used:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=306tmWDKbT0>