



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 Commissioning 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 Newsletter 23/12/2021

Please find a link to the latest ICARS newsletter [here](#). This is also attached as a pdf to your email should you wish to print it.

CQRS Notification - EMIS Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Data Issue

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)

We apologise for the delay in sharing this information, we were not notified about the issue in the first instance, the information below has been received retrospectively.

NHS Digital has been notified of an issue with the pharmacy reference sets, impacting extracts for the Pneumococcal Polysaccharide service. This has resulted in some incorrect submissions for **October 2021** claims for **EMIS** practices only.

In response, NHS Digital worked with **EMIS** to investigate the issue and re-extracted data to correct claims that had not yet been approved. Data was re-extracted from 17th December 2021.

Impact

- Practices impacted by this issue may have received an underpayment relating to activity in **October 2021**
- Declarations in CQRS that had already been approved and submitted to PCSE will have been processed for payment for **October 2021** activity. Work has started to confirm the process to address any approved underpayments.

Action required

To support mitigation, the following actions are required by practices and commissioners:

EMIS Practices

- Practices should contact using the email addresses below if there are concerns about cash flow as a result of this issue

TPP & Cegedim/Vision Practices

- The incorrect pharmacy reference set was not implemented for these systems and therefore the October 2021 payments are not impacted.

Update as of 22nd December 2021

Extracts for **October 2021** have been completed as planned. Unapproved claims for these months have been updated with the correct values and the necessary approvals may proceed.

We have taken the decision to remediate this issue locally and will make any necessary adjustments for affected practices in CQRS as new extracts/data come in.

Next Update

No further communications are expected from the CQRS Team.

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

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)

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/. 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 will be available for sign up CQRS from **23rd December 2021**. 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 to us at the contact details below, however please note that the team will be operating with fewer staff over the Christmas period so may not respond to your query immediately.

BaNES, Gloucestershire, Swindon, Wiltshire and Dorset practices please contact the Integrated Public Health Commissioning Team phcontractssouthwest@nhs.net

BNSSG, Somerset, Devon and Kernow practices please contact the South West Primary Care Team england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.