



# 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](mailto:england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net)

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### ICARS Newsletter 28/01/2022

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

### Targeted Work for Practices with Low Uptake of Shingles Vaccination

We are currently looking at ways we can support practices to increase uptake of the shingles vaccination for eligible individuals aged 70 to 79 years of age, following an overall decrease in uptake

across the South West. We particularly want to improve uptake for those aged 78 and 79 years old who were invited as part of the catch-up programme at the age of 78, and consequently have a shorter period of time within which to be vaccinated before they are no longer eligible at 80 years. Our team is currently undertaking a piece of work to review shingles uptake across the South West, focusing specifically on this cohort of 78 and 79 year olds. As part of this, we will be sending bespoke emails in mid-February to practices that have been identified as having particularly low uptake for this cohort.

Please also find attached with this GP Bulletin a South West Shingles Toolkit, which contains a variety of information and best practice guidance on improving uptake of the shingles vaccine. If you have any questions, or would like to share any best practice or suggestions to be included in future updates of this toolkit, please get in touch with us at [england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net](mailto:england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net).

## CQRS: Immediate Necessary Treatment (for unregistered patients) - Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Programme 21/22 Now Available for Acceptance

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).

The following service is now available to practices for participation:

- Immediate Necessary Treatment - Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Programme

Please can participation be accepted by practices at the earliest opportunity and by **Friday 25th February** at the latest. This is to ensure that data is extracted when the scheduled extraction window opens during April 2022.

The 2021/22 Seasonal Influenza Programme enabled practices to provide flu vaccinations to a number of eligible patient cohorts regardless of the patient's registration status with the practice. This service will support an extraction of data from the GP Clinical System and facilitate payment where eligible patients not registered with a practice have received a flu vaccination and the activity has been appropriately recorded. These cohorts are:

- frontline health and social care staff employed by either a registered residential care/nursing home or a voluntary managed hospice provider
- those living in long-stay facilities, nursing homes, other long-stay health or social care facilities, or those defined in the ES as housebound
- locum GPs
- primary care contractors (primary medical services, pharmaceutical services, primary dental services or general ophthalmic services) and their frontline staff, including locums, in patient-facing provision of NHS primary care services and non-clinical staff who play an integral part in patient-facing care on a day-to-day basis

Patients who are not registered with the practices need to have been recorded using the Immediate Necessary Treatment registration status and coded in accordance with the [NHS England and Improvement Guidance](#) to be captured within this service.

Information and guidance documents for each of the available services can be found here:

<https://welcome.cqrs.nhs.uk/serviceinfo.html>

Information about the contract changes can be found on the NHS England website:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/gp/gpfp/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>

Training links for how to offer out the service can be found on the CQRS website:

<https://academy.midlandsandlancashirecsu.nhs.uk/cqrs-national-training/training-materials/>

If you have any queries relating, please do not hesitate to contact to us at the contact details below.

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