Public Health GP Bulletin

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About this bulletin:

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.

Cervical Screening Campaign

From 14 February 2022, the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID), supported by the NHS England and NHS Improvement will launch a new Cervical Screening campaign designed to increase the number of those eligible to attend their screening.

The campaign will raise awareness of the risks of cervical cancer and highlight the preventative benefits of screening. The overall aim of the campaign is to increase the number of those eligible to attend their screening. It will encourage those eligible for screening - women and people with a
cervix aged 25-64 - to respond to their cervical screening invitation letter, and to book an appointment with their GP practice if they missed their last screening.

The campaign will also actively target sub-groups who may experience additional barriers to attending screening—ethnic minority (Black and South Asian communities) and LGBTQ+ people with a cervix.

Two women die every day from cervical cancer in England, yet it is one of the most preventable cancers. Around 2,700 women in England are diagnosed with cervical cancer each year and it is the second most common cancer amongst women under 35.

Resources for the campaign can be accessed here:

Campaign Resource Centre campaignresources.phe.gov.uk. The site also has more information about the campaign and ideas for getting involved.

PPV – Opportunity to extend to all eligible cohorts if stocks available.

All those who are over 65, and those aged 2-64 who are at a higher risk of developing a pneumococcal infection than the general population are eligible for the one off PPV vaccine. Stocks of PPV have often limited the opportunity for who can be vaccinated with those at risk encouraged to be prioritised. Currently there is a cap on the number of vaccines that can be ordered, however it is currently quite high at 30 per week. Therefore, if you have completed vaccination within the high priority groups and have vaccine available, you can continue to extend this to all those eligible. Consideration should be given when ordering stock to ensure risk to stock wastage is minimised.

Practice Managers Cervical Screening Newsletter

Please see attached document:

Practice Managers Cervical Screening Newsletter February 2022 V1.pptx

CQRS Public Health Claims - End of Financial Year 2021/22

Please see attached document:

CQRS Year End Reminder.pdf