

South West Public Health

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ICARS Newsletter 22.07.22

Please find this week's ICARS newsletter along with associated documents attached to this email.

Extension to cohorts for flu vaccine and information on autumn COVID booster

A further amendment to the annual flu letter has been published on 22nd July confirming that in 2022 to 2023, the following additional cohorts will be offered influenza vaccination:

- secondary school-aged children focusing on Years 7, 8 and 9 and any remaining vaccine will be offered to years 10 and 11, subject to vaccine availability
- those aged 50 to 64 years old not in clinical risk groups (including those who turn 50 by 31 March 2023) with providers asked to start vaccinating this age group from 15 October 2022.

The NHS reimbursement letter has been revised to reflect these changes. The letters can be found here:

Amendment to flu letter: [National flu immunisation programme plan 2022 to 2023 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/114422/nhs-flu-immunisation-programme-plan-2022-to-2023.pdf)

Revised reimbursement letter: [NHS England » Reimbursable vaccines and eligible cohorts for the 2022/23 NHS Seasonal Influenza \(flu\) Vaccination Programme](https://www.nhs.uk/immunisation/reimbursement/reimbursement-letters/)

Incontinency with Shingles Immunisation Programme Shingrix 2nd PGD and Business Rules

We have been made aware of an inconsistency in the Shingrix vaccination schedule for immunosuppressed people between the national PGD for Shingrix and the business rules underpinning the General Practice Extraction Service (GPES). The Shingrix PGD states that the second dose should be administered 8 weeks after the first dose, but the GPES payment extract counts the second dose of the vaccine given 2 months later as a minimum gap between the 2 doses in line with the Green Book. GPES will therefore not always pick up second doses of Shingrix if delivered per the PGD, and this could affect payment claims submitted by general practices for 2nd doses administered between 56 and 62 days after the first dose (depending on the month given). This is unlikely to affect many patients as Shingrix is only given to the immunosuppressed cohort currently.

Next steps

NHSE is working with stakeholders to ensure that the wording in PGDs and other documents such as the Green Book and GPES business rules is all aligned.

In the meantime, and until the end of the financial year 2022/23, practices can submit a manual claim in instances where CQRS doesn't pick up the Shingrix 2nd dose.

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

- **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

PPV23 Vaccine stock

Following queries received by the NHSE National Public Health Commissioning Office regarding current vaccine supply for PPV23 please see below an update for your information.

- UKHSA continues to receive deliveries of PPV23 from the supplier MSD, as per the agreed schedule.
- PPV23 is available for customers to order via ImmForm, as with deliveries, this is unchanged since UKHSA started the central procurement and supply of PPV23.
- UKHSA have in place some ordering controls for PPV23 via ImmForm, to help balance incoming supply with predicted demand as set out below:
 - All ImmForm customers are reminded to order no more than two weeks' worth of vaccine to minimise wastage if there's a fridge failure.

- ImmForm customers in England, Wales, Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man may order up to 30 packs of PPV23 per ImmForm account per week.
- If an ImmForm customer attempts to order more than their maximum ordering cap of PPV23, they will be presented with a pop-up message that advises them to order a smaller quantity, or to contact the ImmForm Helpdesk - helpdesk@immform.org.uk.
- If a customer submits a request to order more PPV23, the ImmForm Helpdesk first seeks additional info, then forwards that info on to a UKHSA Vaccine Supply Operations Manager for consideration.

PPV prioritisation guidance is available here: [Vaccine update: issue 321, May 2021 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/vaccine-update-issue-321-may-2021)

Further Information

Back issues of these bulletins and attachments are available on the NHSEI website [here](#).

- If you have any questions or wish to provide feedback, please contact the Integrated Public Health Team at england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net