

South West Public Health

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ICARS Newsletter 14/11/2022

Please find this week's ICARS newsletter attached to this email.

Extension to Regulation 19 (expiry extended to 01/04/2024)

Movement of flu vaccine is by exception only and providers should have a cold chain SOP in place:

The [Regulation 19](#) (Paragraphs 4A to 4C) has been extended and now expires on 1st April 2024. The amendment can be accessed via this [link](#) and it is one of the changes waiting to be applied to Regulation 19 by the editorial team on the www.gov.uk website

Although the regulation allows for mutual aid of flu vaccines this is in exceptional circumstances only and does not allow this to be the routine supply mechanism for the programme.

Ceasing from the Cervical Screening Programme

This is just a reminder of the guidance around participants being ceased from the programme and a link as to where to find the appropriate template ceasing forms.

People can choose to withdraw from the cervical screening programme at any time, and do not have to give a reason for their decision.

Every person who wishes to withdraw permanently from the screening programme must be:

- provided with (or signposted to) sufficient information, in an appropriate and accessible format, to support an informed decision
- given the opportunity to discuss their decision with a GP or other suitably qualified health professional (but they do not have to take up this opportunity)
- informed that withdrawing from the programme means they will not receive any future invitations or reminder letters about cervical screening from the programme
- asked to put their withdrawal request in writing, ideally using the standard template ceasing form available from the NHS Cervical Screening Administration Service (CSAS) [Primary Care Support - CSAS](#); if this is not possible, a record should be made at the time of the request (call and recall must receive and retain a copy)
- advised that they can return to the programme at any time providing they are still eligible for screening (following the return to recall process that can be found in section 2.2 of this guidance [Ceasing and deferring women from the NHS Cervical Screening Programme - GOV.UK](#) [Ceasing and deferring women from the NHS Cervical Screening Programme - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#))
- notified in writing when the ceasing has been completed (their name is removed from call and recall)

Issue impacting CQRS Vaccination and Immunisation PCSE Payments for October 2022

It has been brought to our attention that there has been an issue with the CQRS V&I payments relating to the month of August that should have been paid in October. This issue has been escalated to PCSE and they are investigating the cause of the error. Further details will be shared as soon as we receive communication from PCSE.

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