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ICARS

Please note the ICARS newsletter is now fortnightly, the next issue will be sent next week.

For Information: Cold Chain Best Practice Guidance

As we move towards the spring and summer which brings an increased number of Bank Holidays, we wanted to draw your attending to some key reminders around best practice for cold chain maintenance. Please remember these 5 key points:

1. You are holding no more than 2 – 4 weeks' worth of stock at any one time
2. Fridge temperatures are checked and recorded twice daily during working days. On weekends and bank holidays this should be done last thing on Friday (or Thursday in the case of Easter weekend) and first thing on Tuesdays.
3. Data loggers are in place and confirmed to be working
4. Fridges are not over full as this can prevent air circulating properly and increased temperatures
5. Cold chain incidents should be immediately reported to england.swicars@nhs.net. We can support with stability information which can prevent unnecessary vaccine wastage

World Tuberculosis Day Newsletter

Please see attached the World Tuberculosis Day Newsletter.

Further Information

Back issues of these bulletins and attachments are available on the NHS England website here. Please note that if there are no items for your information a GP Bulletin will not be circulated. If you have any questions or wish to provide feedback, please contact the Integrated Public Health Team at england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net.