

# South West Vaccination & Screening Team

## Section 7a Bulletin



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### ICARS

Please note the ICARS newsletter is now circulated fortnightly. The next issue will be included in the next bulletin.

### Shingles vaccination programme changes webinar: Tuesday 18 July 10:00-11:30

Following the publication of the [bipartite letter](#) last week which set out the changes that will be happening to the shingles vaccine programme from 1 September 2023, further resources to support the updated programme have also been published:

- [guidance for healthcare practitioners](#)
- [vaccination guide](#) with updated patient information
- [shingles vaccine update](#) special

UKHSA are hosting a webinar on the changes for stakeholders and health professionals. The format will be a set of presentations followed by a Q&A session. It is scheduled for **Tuesday 18 July 10-11:30 am** and can be accessed [here](#). This session will be recorded.

## HPV vaccination records – interim solutions supporting the HPV immunisation and cervical screening programmes

As part of the NHS Primary Care Digital Transformation Programme, the National Health Application and Infrastructure Service (NHAIS) is being decommissioned for the NHS Cervical Screening Programme and will eventually be replaced with the Cervical Screening Management System (CSMS). Agreed interim solutions to maintain, capture, flow and reporting of HPV vaccination records will commence from September 2023. The impact of this is set out below:

- Practices will cease their manual uploads of HPV records to Open Exeter/NHAIS on Monday 21 August 2023; an automated data extraction directly with GPIT suppliers will be implemented at a national level as for the Flu and COVID-19 programmes (date to be confirmed). No further action is needed from Practices other than to ensure any records awaiting upload are uploaded to Open Exeter by 21 August 2023.

For further information, please visit the Open Exeter user landing pages which are currently carry messaging on the ceasing of HPV vaccination record uploads on 21 August 2023

## Measles Update

Please find the attached the Primary Care Toolkit for the NHS England measles national campaign that launched on 14<sup>th</sup> July. The toolkit includes the key messages, resources/links to use and share, as well as FAQs for measles infections and the MMR vaccine. There is also information on the measles oral testing kit and primary care requirements.

This toolkit has been created following the UKHSA publications that have been recently released, found here:

1. HPR news item updating on the latest measles epidemiology: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-report-volume-17-2023/hpr-volume-17-issue-7-news-14-july-2023>
2. Risk assessment of measles resurgence in the UK: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/measles-risk-assessment-for-resurgence-in-the-uk>
3. Press release: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/london-at-risk-of-measles-outbreaks-with-modelling-estimating-tens-of-thousands-of-cases>

## Further Information

If you have any questions or wish to provide feedback, please contact the SW Vast team at [england.swvast@nhs.net](mailto:england.swvast@nhs.net). 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.**