

South West Vaccination & Screening Team

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ICARS Newsletter

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

NEW HPV, Shingles and LAIV PGDs authorised for NHS medical practices in the South West of England

Your team can now download four new Patient Group Directions (PGD) that have been authorised for the vaccination of patients registered with NHS medical practices in the South West of England - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/info-professional/pgd/south-west/downloads/>

Before staff use these, your organisation should ensure that those members of staff have signed section 7, and that this has been counter-signed by an authorising manager.

Please note that PGDs can only be used as legal authorisation for administration or supply of prescription-only medicines by a [limited number](#) of registered health professions. Other staff that cannot prescribe will require a patient specific direction (guidance [here](#)).

Four new PGDs have been authorised for a range of registered healthcare professionals to use.

1. HPV PGD (V6.00)
2. Shingles (Shingrix) PGD (V2.00)
3. Shingles (Zostavax) PGD (V11.00)
4. LAIV PGD (V13.00) - **now regionally approved**

Please share this information with the appropriate members of your practice.

Expression of interest: Early adopter testing of NHS Cervical Screening Programme opt-in solution (transgender and non-binary people access project)

CSMS (Cervical Screening Management System) which is replacing Open Exeter for cervical screening is due to go live towards the end of this year. This will have the ability to record if a patient is transgender or non-binary. If a patient has a new NHS number there will be availability, with patient consent, to bring their cervical screening history over to their new NHS record.

We are looking for a GP practice to be an early adopter and test the new system.

If your Practice is interested this would involve -

1. asking sample taker staff in your Practice to complete the revised elfh (e-learning for health) sample taker update training or specific module for those already up to date with their mandatory training
2. asking sample taker staff to read the new guidance and process flowchart (will be part of revised call and recall programme guidance)
3. completing a survey to feedback on any issues/check understanding
4. contacting any transgender or non-binary people with a cervix held on local lists via phone call/personalised text message and ask them to come into the practice to discuss the opt-in process
5. completing a survey to feedback on the experience

When – to be confirmed, but it is expected to begin either upon CSMS launch or from 2nd January 2024

Duration – 2 months

If you are interested, please contact england.swvast@nhs.net (FAO Liz Luckett)

Further Information

If you have any questions or wish to provide feedback, please contact the SW Vaccination and Screening Team at 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.**