

# South West Vaccination & Screening Bulletin

  
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## SCREENING:

### Action required: CSMS Access Checks

We are preparing to launch the new Cervical Screening Management System (CSMS). Once CSMS goes live, Open Exeter will no longer be accessible for NHS Cervical Screening Programme purposes.

To ensure continuity of service **all users must now carry out a check to confirm if they can access CSMS**. The access check will not enable you to use CSMS yet, it is to check you have the right permissions to access it when it does go live.

You can check your access [here](#) and this [guidance](#) will support you. Alternatively, should you have any questions or require further assistance, please contact the CSMS Implementation Team at [screening.implementation@nhs.net](mailto:screening.implementation@nhs.net)

*Creating a new NHS England: NHS England and NHS Digital merged on 1 February 2023. All references to NHS Digital now, or in the future, relate to NHS England. [Learn more](#)*

## VACCINATIONS:

### TB Event

The SW UKHSA team are hosting an in-person TB event on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March to mark the World TB Day.

Throughout the day we will be hearing from Regional and National UKHSA and NHS England colleagues on the latest issues surrounding TB. There will be opportunities for clinical and wider public health discussions on latest TB challenges.

Further information including the agenda will be shared with those that register to the event.

**Date:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

**Location:** Taunton Rugby Club

**Arrival:** Between 09:30 – 10:00 (sessions start at 10:00)

**Closing:** Between 16:00-16:30

Due to the limited number of spaces for this event please register your interest for attending through the [MS Forms link here](#).

The closing date to register to this event is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

### Personal identifiable details (PID) in e-mails

We have noticed an increase in PID included within the queries sent to our Immunisation Clinical Advice Service (ICARS) recently. Given that we only require a patients date of birth to answer immunisation scheduling queries, we kindly ask that other details such as patient names, address and NHS numbers are not sent to us. Please do continue to send your queries to us at [england.swicars@nhs.net](mailto:england.swicars@nhs.net), but please ensure correspondence (including attachments) does not contain PID.

### International immunisation schedule resource

It has recently come to our attention that the [International-versus-UK-vaccination-schedules-August-2022.xlsx \(live.com\)](#) found on the GOV.UK webpage has not recently been reviewed by the national immunisation team, and there is no timeline for when the next review will take place. As such, we have been advised to promote the [WHO Immunization Data portal](#) webpage, for when an immunisation schedule for another country is required. The WHO webpage can also be used in conjunction with [Vaccination of individuals with uncertain or incomplete immunisation - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) guidance, to establish what immunisations individuals moving into the UK from another country may be eligible for. If you require any assistance with this, please e-mail [england.swicars@nhs.net](mailto:england.swicars@nhs.net).

## MMR Comms Toolkits, FAQs and Guidance

Please visit our [South West Vaccination & Screening Team FutureNHS site](#) to access a range of national and regional resources to support MMR delivery in your practice. This is the best place to access our [regional MMR FAQs](#) document to ensure that you are working from the most up-to-date version.

If you have not visited this site before, you will be asked to request access – simply click on the link above and tell us your practice name or code and your job title and we will grant access as quickly as possible (within working hours). If you require support in registering for a FutureNHS account please visit <https://future.nhs.uk/>.

## Guidance on MMR Coding and Re-coding

Please find attached guidance for practices when coding or re-coding MMR vaccination events. This includes:

- Instructions for actioning retrospective coding of an MMR vaccine event without triggering an item of service fee
- Notes on overseas vaccination history, vaccinations delivered in other settings
- Current and valid SNOMED codes

Alternatively, the guidance document is available on our [South West Vaccination & Screening Team FutureNHS site](#)

## ICARS Cold Chain Audit

Vaccines are sensitive biological substances that when too hot or too cold can quickly lose their efficacy. If vaccines are stored outside of the recommended temperature range, the vaccine may fail to create the desired immune response and result in sub-optimal protection against vaccine preventable diseases.

The purpose of the vaccine cold chain is to maintain vaccine product quality from the time of manufacturer until the point of administration. This is fulfilled by ensuring that vaccines are handled, stored and transported within the appropriate temperature range according to the manufacturer's summary of product characteristics.

ICARS would like to request sites storing vaccines to complete our [annual audit tool is available here](#). This audit tool was adapted from the [Oxford Vaccine Group](#) (Vaccine storage audit) and should be used in conjunction with:

- The Green Book: Storage, distribution and disposal of vaccines ([chapter 3](#)).
- [The Protocol for ordering, storing and handling vaccines](#).
- The survey also links to the standards required by [CQC standard 4: medicines management \(healthcare services\) -vaccine storage in GP practice](#).

Please direct any queries to the South West Immunisation Clinical Advice and Response Service (ICARS) at [england.swicars@nhs.net](mailto:england.swicars@nhs.net)

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## FURTHER INFORMATION

- If you have any questions or feedback about this bulletin, please contact the SW Vaccination & Screening Team at [england.swvast@nhs.net](mailto:england.swvast@nhs.net). Back issues are available [here](#).
- For advice about Section 7A or COVID-19 vaccinations, or for support following an immunisation incident, please contact ICARS at [england.swicars@nhs.net](mailto:england.swicars@nhs.net). For more information, please click [here](#).
- For general enquiries, screening related matters or Section 7A public health contracts, please contact [england.swvast@nhs.net](mailto:england.swvast@nhs.net) or [visit our website](#).
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