

Public Health GP Bulletin

Section 7a: Screening & Immunisations



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About this bulletin

The NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE/I) South West Integrated Public Health Team has taken over responsibility from the NHSE/I South West Primary Care Team for collating and issuing a rebranded, weekly Public Health GP Bulletin. This weekly bulletin is the main method of communicating with practice managers covering the 579 practices in Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Bath & North East Somerset, Swindon, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, Somerset, Devon, Dorset, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

The bulletins contain important public health information for practice managers on Section 7a screening and immunisation programmes, which are commissioned by NHSE/I. Content may include requests for information and deadlines affecting payments, as well as updates on issues relating to GP contracts.

Current issues and back copies of the bulletins and attachments are available on the NHSE/I website [here](#).

If you have any questions or wish to provide feedback, please contact the Integrated Public Health Team on england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net

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Key Deadlines

CQRS declarations for payment in the same month	9 th of each month	Via CQRS
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• Items for all Practices

DEADLINE EXTENSION - Seasonal Influenza Programme 2021 Workforce Data/ Vaccine Stocks

The deadline has been extended to **COP Friday 25th September** for the survey below that launched last week.

Thank you to those who have already completed – we have had a response from 326 practices. However we are looking for a 100% return rate across the South West.

Therefore if you have not already done so, we are seeking your support to answer a small number of questions that can be found by following the attached link.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=kp4VA8Zyl0umSq9Q55Ctv28xH6A58o9PqB7irbtMyvtUODJUOFQxUUVBMTI2Q0IPUIZCMkJEUVRZVS4u>

The survey covers a small number of key areas of flu planning at a practice level and should hopefully only take a few minutes of your valuable time to complete. It would be really appreciated if you could provide the requested information by close of business on Wednesday 16th September.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment with the planning required for this year's flu programme.

NHS calls on South West parents to check children's vaccinations are up to date

As schools reopen in September, parents and carers are being urged to check their children have had all their pre-school vaccinations to protect them from serious diseases and help prevent outbreaks. While the majority of parents in the South West do ensure their child is fully vaccinated, some children starting school are either missing key doses or have not been vaccinated at all.

Link to the public news article can be found here:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/2020/09/08/childrens-vaccinations-up-to-date/>.

Please do use the content and link to this news article locally to support your ongoing work to ensure all children are up to date with their immunisations.

Flu Posters now available

We are delighted to inform you that the following posters for the 2020/21 Flu season are now available on www.gov.uk. PDF versions are also attached here for ease.

Which flu vaccines should children have poster – product code: 2020173

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccines-for-the-current-season>

Flu vaccines for 2020 to 2021 poster – product code: 2020195

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/which-flu-vaccine-should-children-have>

Please note that when you view these links on the www.gov.uk link you will no longer see an icon of what these posters look like on the left-hand side (you will see a blank cell). When you click on the links you will be immediately redirected to the Health Publications (www.gov.uk) website, and it is from that site that you can download the digital copy. If you have any queries about these posters, please contact Immunisation@phe.gov.uk

Launch of the South West NHS England and NHS Improvement website for influenza resources

The updates resources to support the flu programme for 2020/21 can be found on the following link:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/info-professional/public-health/immunisations/influenza/>

This includes links to the national resources, 2019/20 flu review, clinic planning, the written instruction, training resources and training requirements. It also has the PHE links for Infection control and winter readiness packs, resources for care homes, schools and nurseries.

CQRS NOTIFICATION – REMINDER NOTICE OF CQRS DOWNTIME 18 TO 22 SEPTEMBER INCLUSIVE AND ACTION REQUIRED FOR CQRS LOG IN

Please be aware that from Friday 18 September to the evening of the 22 September inclusive, CQRS will be offline due to system enhancements including the transition to cloud hosting. During this period, you will not be able to access CQRS for any purpose.

Data for August activity was collected between the 1-8 September and the current deadlines for practices to declare Public Health Services remains unchanged.

Signing in to CQRS from Wednesday 23 September

Once the system enhancements to CQRS have been completed, from Wednesday 23 September you will be asked to log in to CQRS via single sign-on using your NHSmail “@nhs.net” email address as given in the attached guidance.

This enhancement of moving to the cloud and introducing multi factor authentication (MFA) will introduce a better user experience. Users will be able to access CQRS via the internet from any machine rather than solely those on N3/HSCN, and MFA will provide the level of security needed to meet national cyber security strategy obligations using an established and trusted strategic solution. NHSmail is the best option in terms of coverage and will provide the best user experience of all the options that were considered. Other key benefits you will notice are fewer usernames and passwords to remember and the ability to reset passwords via NHSmail rather than having to contact the service desk.

It's also important to note that this change only affects how you login to CQRS. Your profile and permissions will remain the same and all other functions, for example offering services, viewing achievement, approving payments and granting user access will also remain the same.

Action required by CQRS users without an NHSmail account

1. CQRS users who do not have an NHSmail account should continue to sign in using their username and password until further guidance is released.
2. On first login on or after Wednesday 23 September, users may be prompted to call the CQRS service desk.
3. Once this guidance is available, we will issue a comms directly to the relevant users.

Action required by CQRS users with an NHSmail account

1. All CQRS users are asked to check their CQRS account to ensure that the correct email address is associated with their account.
2. If your email address does not match the email address associated with your account, you will be unable to login to CQRS on Wednesday 23 September.
3. If your email addresses do not match, please contact your commissioner, regional office or CQRS administrator to request a new account be set up using your correct email address.
4. If your CQRS account is set up with a “@nhs.uk” email address but you have an additional NHSmail account, follow the steps in 3. and request a new account be set up using your NHSmail email address.

To note

- Please be aware that you cannot amend the email address for an existing account in CQRS

- The historical activity on your account, for example participation offers and approvals that you have made, will not be deleted from the system - provided you have the same permissions applied to your new account, you will be able to view this activity
- The same activity will remain viewable to other users in your organisation with the relevant permissions

CQRS will also issue these instructions directly to active CQRS users using the NHSmail email address registered in the system.

If you have any system issues following the downtime please contact the CQRS helpdesk- support@cqrs.co.uk

Breast screening programme update: pause of self-referrals

A reminder to practices that **self-referrals for breast screening from women aged 71 or over are currently paused**. This is to support services in prioritising high risk patients or those that need follow up tests and treatment: this will be kept under close review To support this change please you check if you have any promotional materials on display (e.g. posters/leaflets) and remove any which refer to self-referrals for breast screening.

Why are women aged 71 not able to self-refer at the moment?

The immediate priority for the programme is to make sure women that have been identified as being at higher risk (for example because they have a faulty gene which puts them at higher risk of developing breast cancer) are offered the opportunity for a screen as soon as possible. The programme is also prioritising women aged 53 who are due their first screen, and those who have passed their 71st birthday and are waiting for their final routine screen. We will keep this under close review. Any woman who is concerned about symptoms of breast cancer should speak to her GP as soon as possible.

As always, anyone who thinks they may have symptoms of breast cancer should contact their GP practice as soon as possible and appropriate referral pathways should be followed.

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