

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

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RCARS COVID-19 Newsletter 19.03.21

We are pleased to share up to date COVID-19 vaccination advice. Please see the 'Who sites should contact with any queries' document attachment also.

RELEVANT TO BSPS LAB ONLY

Advice for practices on the correct procedure for sending cervical screening samples to Berkshire & Surrey Pathology Services (BSPS)

This article is relevant to **ALL** practices that have their cervical screening samples processed by BSPS.

We have been made aware that BSPS is receiving inappropriate samples (blood, histology, urine, etc) from practices, with these samples being put in to the bags reserved for cervical screening samples. BSPS have provided a letter (attached) that explains the correct procedure for sending cervical screening samples to the lab, as well as a reminder that cervical screening sample vial expiry dates must be checked before use to ensure they are still in date, and have at least 14 days before expiry once the vial contains a specimen.

Should you have any questions or queries about the issues raised in the letter attached, please contact BSPS Helpdesk by phone on 01932 726622 or email: asp-tr.bspshpv@nhs.net.

If you are unsure as to which lab processes your cervical screening samples, please contact the SW Screening and Immunisation Team at england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net.

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