

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 10.06.21

We are pleased to share up to date COVID-19 vaccination advice. Please find attached.

WEBINAR: NHS infant BCG and SCID screening pathways in the SW

Severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID) is a rare condition which makes it very hard to fight off common infections like pneumonia and meningitis. Currently 30% of babies with SCID are identified via family history. Screening would help to find and treat the remaining 70% babies with SCID earlier and an evaluated rollout has been recommended by the National Screening Committee. The introduction of SCID screening in certain parts of England will require changes to the infant BCG pathway in all areas, including the South West.

Please join the Screening and Immunisations Team for an information event about progress on the national BCG/SCID evaluation rollout and what this means for us in the South West. We plan to cover the following:

- Background to the SCID evaluation
- What this means for the current infant BCG pathway
- Timelines
- Information and data flows
- Roles and responsibilities of partner agencies
- BCG/SCID readiness
- How to learn more

There will be an opportunity for Q&A but please let me know on emma.kain@nhs.net if there are particular questions that you would like us to cover in advance so that we can include as much information as possible in the presentation.

If you would like to attend this event, [please enter your details here](#).

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