

PRIMARY CARE: update 251 – 5 July 2023

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NHS Bowel Cancer Screening Programme – Lynch Syndrome Colonoscopy Surveillance implementation

Sent on behalf of Laura Hope, Head of Public Health Commissioning and Operations

Public Health Commissioning teams have been asked to cascade the following communication message to primary care providers:

From July 2023 people with a confirmed diagnosis of Lynch syndrome in England will be invited to participate in the NHS Bowel Cancer Screening Programme (BCSP) for colonoscopic surveillance. Prior to this, these cohorts will have received their colonoscopies via symptomatic services.

The decision to transfer peoples' surveillance to NHS BCSP was made by NHS England in December 2021 following recommendations from Bowel Cancer UK and the Lynch Syndrome Expert Advisory Group (LSEAG), based on clinical advice from the British Society for Gastroenterologists (BSG). It is expected that the BCSP will provide an efficient, consistent, and quality assured pathway for colonoscopic surveillance for people with Lynch syndrome.

People with Lynch syndrome will start to receive invitations from BCSP for their colonoscopy surveillance from the following dates:

- **3 July 2023** - prospective cohort only (i.e patients newly diagnosed with Lynch syndrome who are referred by the genetics services via an online portal).
- **19 July 2023** - retrospective patients (i.e patients that are already known to have Lynch syndrome and are currently being managed in symptomatic services).
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NHS Genetics Services are responsible for referring patients diagnosed with Lynch syndrome into the NHS Bowel Cancer Screening Programme for colonoscopic surveillance (as well as continuing to manage their other Lynch syndrome needs and risk).

GPs do not need to refer patients with Lynch syndrome into the NHS Bowel Cancer Screening Programme for colonoscopic surveillance but should continue to refer individuals to local genetics services for Lynch syndrome care and management.

MMR Communication

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) Yorkshire and Humber have recently circulated communications and guidance to acute trusts and primary care see attachments 1a and 1b, following a rise in the number of confirmed Measles cases both within Yorkshire and Humber and nationally during the first part of 2023. Children and young adults continue to be susceptible to infection due to a gap in immunity, contributed to by the fall in vaccination uptake rates during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In February 2023 the World Health Organisation (WHO) Europe called for urgent action in all countries to catch-up children and adults who missed MMR vaccine doses, in order to prevent a resurgence of measles.

The WHO also urged countries to strengthen measles surveillance and ensure they are ready to respond swiftly and effectively in the event of measles outbreaks.

Despite two previous catch up campaigns (2013 focusing on adolescents and 2018 for 10 and 11 year olds), a marketing campaign in early 2022 encouraging parents of children who missed out on vaccines during the pandemic to come forward and an NHS led national call/recall initiative between September and December 2022 for children aged 1 to 6 years not up to date with their first and second MMR dose, uptake across Barnsley ICB remains sub-optimal for both Dose 1 and Dose 2 within the required timeframes (as per [The complete routine immunisation schedule from February 2022 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/108444/the-complete-routine-immunisation-schedule-from-february-2022.pdf)).

Local healthcare providers are encouraged to:

- Be aware of the signs and symptoms of measles, which include a high fever, sore red watery eyes and a blotchy red-brown rash, and it is particularly easy to catch in environments when in close contact with others. **If you suspect you may have a patient with measles please call the health protection team on 0113 386 0300**
- Ensure all staff (particularly those working in high risk areas) are fully vaccinated with 2 doses of MMR vaccine.

As an Integrated Care Board/System we are:

- reviewing our local Measles and Rubella elimination action plans to ensure they address measles immunity gaps and local population needs.
- encouraging MMR catch-up in under-vaccinated and unregistered communities in order to reduce inequalities in vaccine uptake
- Exploring a system wide approach to how we respond to and manage this risk.

GPs, practices nurses, health visitors and relevant health professionals should note the following with regard to the MMR vaccine:

- children should receive their two scheduled doses of MMR vaccine on time at the ages of 12 months and 3 years and 4 months
- the MMR vaccine can be given from six months of age before travel to a high risk country. As per guidance, MMR doses given before a child's first birthday should be discounted.
- patients over the age of 3 years and 4 months who do not have two recorded doses of MMR vaccine should be caught up opportunistically. Practices are encouraged to work with their Child Health Information Services to actively identify and invite under vaccinated children aged 6 years and under. There is no upper age limit to offering MMR vaccine
- new entrants from abroad and newly registered patients should have their immunisation history checked as early as possible and missing doses caught up

- post-natal women should have their MMR status/history reviewed and offered any outstanding doses

We would encourage our providers and local partners to work with local communities, including voluntary and community sector groups who work with under-vaccinated and under-served communities, to raise awareness about measles and ensure all individuals can access immunisation services.

REMINDER: Barnsley Primary Care Capacity and Demand Tool

This is a reminder for Practices to continue to complete the Barnsley Primary Care Capacity and Demand Tool by close of play **every Wednesday**.

The link to the capacity and demand tool can be found here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/BNC56tmxyk>.

Upcoming Industrial Action

There are two periods of industrial action by the BMA and HCSA coming up, starting next week on the **13 July** and running through to the **18 July**. There is then another period planned from the **20 to 22 July**.

The briefing attached (attachment 2) is being provided slightly earlier than previously, to help with advance planning.

If the situation changes and any action is stood down we will let you know.

QOF Workshop – 19 July

The Quality and Outcomes Framework guidance released in March 2023 introduced a new quality improvement (QI) module, which focuses on workforce and wellbeing in 2023/24. It will form part of the QOF activity starting from April.

Practices will be at different points in relation to supporting the wellbeing of their workforce therefore NHSE are facilitating a workshop on **Wednesday 19 July 12-1.30pm** for colleagues to share, learn, develop ideas and initiatives to support the ambitions set out for this QI module.

If interested, please email: england.primarycareworkforce@nhs.net by **17 July 2023**.

Sound Doctor - updated links

Please see attached updated links for each practice for Sound Doctor (attachment 3)

These links do not require patients to register to watch the video. Suggested searches for targeted campaigns have already been shared with practices as part of the PDA searches.

EMIS and TPP opt-in for prospective record access

EMIS opt-in process for practices

- EMIS practices now have the opportunity to '**book their slot**' for prospective record access enablement by completing the [opt-in form](#). We will work through any required preparatory steps with practices.

TPP opt-in process for practices

- Nearly 800 TPP SystmOne practices successfully launched online prospective record access since February, and now all remaining practices have the opportunity to enable prospective record access for their patients (unless exemptions apply) before the end of October.
- Once you are ready to give access to your patients, you can now update your own systems easily and at a time that suits you - there will be no central switch on. We have developed the following [user guide](#) which explains the simple steps to follow

GPAD FAQ's

Recently there have been changes and improvements to the way this data is recorded and collected.

The Clinical Applications Team have created a SharePoint page to support GP practices with this work, and to try and collate all the relevant information together in one place.

This can be found here: https://nhs.sharepoint.com/sites/03N_ClinicalApplications/SitePages/GPAD.aspx

If you have any questions or queries relating to GPAD, please raise these via the [IT Self Service Portal](#) for the attention of the Clinical Applications Team.

Children and Young Peoples Asthma Capability Framework Tiers – 2023

Asthma is a common chronic condition in children and young people. (CYP) UK has one of the worst outcomes from asthma in the developed world. Several investigations have highlighted the importance of professionals looking after children with asthma having the right competencies.

Improvement in asthma care for CYP is a **National Priority** and the **National Competency Framework** sets out a clear expectation about the required knowledge and how to achieve this.

If you are a **Professional looking after CYPs** please have a look at the attached document to understand the level of competency you will require (attachment 4)

Technology Support Document for Health Care Professionals looking after people with type 2 diabetes

Please find attached a technology support document NHSE / Y&H Diabetes Clinical Network have produced, which is intended to aid health care professionals looking after people with type 2 diabetes (attachment 5).

Also: How to join the Yorkshire and the Humber Diabetes Clinical Network FutureNHS workspace:

1. Follow the link to [Yorkshire and the Humber Diabetes Clinical Network - FutureNHS Collaboration Platform](#).
2. If you are new to FutureNHS, please complete your profile details
3. You will now be able to join the workspace and *check your preferences*

Calling All Maternity Services – Do One Thing for Gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM)

Gestational Diabetes (GDM) is reported to affect between 10 to 20% of pregnant women, making it the most common medical condition to affect pregnant women. If untreated during pregnancy it can lead to poor maternal and neonatal outcomes.

Clinical teams looking after women with diabetes in pregnancy are reporting ever increasing numbers of women developing GDM, with a disproportionate impact on women of colour and those living in deprived communities. There is growing concern that the large numbers of women

developing GDM are putting increased demand on clinical services and that this could be adversely affecting pregnancy outcomes. The true scale of the problem is unknown as there was no national data collection to determine how many women are diagnosed with GDM and whether healthcare inequalities are being addressed.

In 2021 a feasibility study was undertaken by the audit team at NHS England to see if it was possible to collect data on women with GDM relating to the care and outcomes for mothers and babies. This has led to the development of the GDM Audit which will enable us collect data; understand the performance of maternity services; and develop recommendations that will serve this group of patients more effectively.

The NHS Diabetes Programme are asking you to 'Do One Thing'

This is a mandatory national audit as part of the NDA.

Please use SNOMED code **11687002 (Gestational diabetes mellitus (disorder))** to identify all incidents of GDM

Follow the link for more information on the new GDM Audit - [National Gestational Diabetes Audit - NHS Digital](#)

Please note: To support validation of your GDM register, ARDENS provide a 'casefinder' search to help identify individuals who may have or had GDM and also individuals who are 'currently' pregnant (some of which may need the outcome of the pregnancy coding to update their record):

- **SystemOne** – can be found under Ardens Ltd|Conditions|Diabetes|Casefinders / Registers
- **EMIS** – 4.12 Conditions - Diabetes (Ardens v19.1) - download from the [Ardens Portal](#), searches under casefinders and Registers

HPV Vaccine update special

Please see the below link to the HPV Vaccine update special and also attached (attachment 6)

[UKHSA_12676_Vaccine_Update_339_June_2023_HP_V_Special_05.pdf](#)

This month's edition features:

- details of the changes to the HPV vaccination programme for young people
- new resources for the HPV vaccination programme
- new resources for the gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men (GBMSM) HPV vaccination programme
- routine and non-routine vaccine supply

Macmillan Primary Care Conference – 11 October 2023

Registration is now open for the Macmillan Primary Care Conference, to be held at The Hilton Metropole in Birmingham on 11 October 2023.

All GPs, Practice Nurses, Care Co-ordinators, Social Prescribers and any healthcare professionals working in Primary Care are invited to attend. There is limited availability so please register your interest as early as possible.

It is a FREE one-day conference focusing on how Primary Care Teams can best support people living with cancer as well as covering some of the new developments in cancer care, the future of Primary Care and with workshops focusing on Health Inequalities, Digital developments in cancer

care, Prehabilitation, Personalised cancer and support planning and the role of the wider primary Care team in delivering cancer care.

It will be a multidisciplinary conference and is open to any Professional working in Primary care.

Conference objectives:

1. *To bring together a diverse range of Primary Care Professionals to foster and promote collaborative learning in alignment with Macmillan's strategic objectives in Personalised Care.*
2. *To provide supporting information, tools and resources to help upskill and educate the Primary Care workforce in providing Personalised Care to their patients living with cancer.*
3. *To encourage networking and sharing of innovation with professionals in Primary Care.*
4. *Engage in workshops to encourage discussion on personalised care, prehab & rehab, health inequalities, digital solutions and the role of care co-ordinators and social prescribers.*
5. *Hear about some new developments in cancer care and how this impacts on Primary Care*

People can register using the following link. Please do share as widely as possible with Primary Care Colleagues.

[Summary - Macmillan Cancer Support Primary Care Conference \(cvent.com\)](https://www.cvent.com/event/primary-care-conference-2024)