

Welcome to the August 2018 PCSE bulletin

This bulletin has been emailed to the main contact we hold at your practice only. Please share with colleagues in your practice, including practitioners as it includes important updates regarding pensions.

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Important information regarding GP Pension Total Reward Statements **– please share with practitioners working in your practice**

GP Pension Total Reward Statements will be issued by NHS Pensions in two phases in 2018, with the first phase being issued in August and the remainder in December 2018.

These will be available for practitioners to view via www.totalrewardstatements.nhs.uk

For those accounts where full and correct certificates were submitted to PCSE by the 28 February deadline, and where certificates for all previous years had been received and processed correctly, the updated Total Reward Statement will be available to view in August.

For the remaining accounts where full and correct information has now been received, NHS England, PCSE and NHS Pensions are collectively aiming for the updated Total Reward Statement to be made available from December 2018.

You will be advised directly if any further information is required to update your account.

Tracking label deliveries - update

Following the email sent to practices on Monday 20 August, the IT issue affecting the printing of tracking labels has now been resolved.

Practices with a **Tuesday** or **Wednesday** delivery day

Your practice will have received either no label delivery this week, or a small number of labels. Your practice may receive a higher than usual quantity of tracking labels next week.

Practices with a **Thursday** delivery day

Your practice may now receive a delivery of tracking labels this week from the CitySprint courier. There may be a higher than usual volume of labels this week.

If you do not receive a label delivery this week, you may receive a higher than usual quantity of tracking labels next week.

Practices with a **Friday** delivery day

Your practice should receive a delivery of tracking labels this week. There may be a higher than usual volume of labels this week.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

When to use the High Security setting on practice clinical systems

The High Security setting on your clinical system should only be used when requested to do so by PCSE. Guidance is available on the 'Help' section of the website which details typical examples of when High Security should be used. Please click [here](#) to view the guidance, or type 'High Security' into the search bar on the PCSE [website](#).

Adding non-clinical partners to your practice

Please inform PCSE if a non-clinical partner joins your practice. This will ensure that the details PCSE holds about the Partnership reflect those outlined in the contract with NHS England.

To add a non-clinical partner:

- Email: PCSE.Performerlists@nhs.net.
- In the subject box please enter '**Non Clinical Partner Request**' and provide your practice ODS code (this is a letter followed by five numbers. If you don't know your practice ODS code, please contact the ODS Team at NHS Digital on 0300 303 4034 or via email at Exeter.helpdesk@nhs.net.)
- In the body of the email, please state that you would like to add a non-clinical partner to your practice, and provide the non-clinical partner's:
 - Full name
 - Date of birth
 - National Insurance Number
 - Email address
 - Effective date

PCSE will contact the practice by telephone if any further information is required.

Once PCSE has processed the request, confirmation will be emailed to the non-clinical partner. The practice contact will also receive a copy of this confirmation email.

GP Payments and Pensions

Pension administration when a new GP joins your practice

When a new GP joins your practice, it is important that you send an updated [Estimate of Earnings](#) to PCSE via the [enquiries form](#). If an estimate is not received, the GP's salary will be set to the national average and incorrect contributions will be taken. Please note: Practices should send the estimate only when the performer has received notification that the performer list change has been confirmed.

If the performer has received confirmation of the change and your practice has sent a new estimate to PCSE, please allow at least one month following your next payment run for the pension adjustments to take place.

Change of practice bank details

If you need to change the bank details for your practice, please follow the process detailed on the PCSE website [here](#). Please note PCSE cannot change bank details. An instruction to do so is provided to Shared Business Services (SBS) via the NHS England local team.

GP trainee reimbursements

From 1 August 2018, PCSE is no longer responsible for reimbursing GP trainee salary and expenses in the Thames Valley area. The lead employer for this area is now the Pennine Acute Hospital NHS Trust. Further information is available at www.pat.nhs.uk/education-and-research/lead-employer.htm

PCSE does not process salary reimbursements or expenses for GP trainees unless there is a local agreement to do so. In Wessex and Yorkshire and The Humber, PCSE is only responsible for a small number of trainee reimbursements. Please send any queries via the [online enquiries form](#).

If your practice is in a lead employer area, please contact them directly for information relating to future salary reimbursement. PCSE is responsible for processing training grants, however payment must be requested via your NHS England local area team who will then instruct PCSE to make the payment.

Childcare voucher reimbursement queries

Queries on reimbursements for childcare vouchers should be sent to the lead employer for your area. If your practice is in a non-lead employer area, please submit these queries to your NHS England local team.

Increase in Global Sum payment

NHS England have advised that there will be an increase in the Global Sum payment from 87.92 per patient to 88.96 per patient. The payment will be made in your usual monthly practice payment and will be back-dated to April 2018 for any practices in receipt of Global Sum at this time.

Cervical Screening

Submitting forms to PCSE

Cease, Defer and Colposcopy Discharge Forms

If you need to submit cease or deferral forms, please email them to the PCSE office that processes your work:

Leeds: pcse.screening-leeds@nhs.net

Preston office: pcse.screening-preston@nhs.net

Clacton: acecic.screening@nhs.net

These email addresses will only be monitored for these types of enquiries. Any other queries cannot be responded to from these accounts.

For all other queries, please use the online enquiry form on the PCSE website at: www.pcse.england.nhs.uk/contact-us or call the PCSE's Customer Support Centre on 0333 014 2884.

GP signature requirements for a deferral form

We have received some queries about which signatures are required when deferring a woman from the cervical screening programme. Public Health England have advised the current acceptance for ceasing signatures as outlined below:

No Cervix – Clinician's signature OR via a PNL which is electronically auditable

Age – Clinician's signature. This is required because usually age would automatically take a woman out of the programme which means they are only in the call/recall system if a previous abnormality has not had the appropriate follow up and therefore a clinician's signature is required

Mental Capacity Act (MCA) – Clinician's signature. A signature from a family member or a member of the care team is also required.

Informed choice – Woman's signature only

Radiotherapy – Clinician's signature

Cease Form	Clinician signature	Patient signature
Cease due to No Cervix	Y	N
Cease due to Age (not automatic had abnormalities)	Y	N
Cease due to Mental Capacity Act	Y	N
Cease due to Informed Choice	N	Y
Cease due to Radiotherapy	Y	N

Important update - redirecting confidential patient information

Many items of mail that are sent in error to GPs - up to 10,000 each month - are being forwarded to PCSE rather than returned to the original sender, as they should be.

Errors in the management of this NHS correspondence — such as test results and clinical notes, child protection notes, treatment plans and changes to patients' medication regimes — expose patients to a risk of harm and disclosure of confidential information.

1. If you receive correspondence which refers to a patient who is no longer registered with your practice and has re-registered elsewhere, or who has never been registered with your practice, return the items directly to the provider they came from as soon as possible using appropriate means.
2. If the misdirected correspondence arrives at your practice electronically it should be returned to the original sender of the email, complete with any attachments, with advice that the patient is not registered at your practice and the correspondence must be re-directed.

On receipt, in both instances, the original sender of the correspondence – usually the NHS provider - is expected to track down the correct destination for the correspondence and update its own database to avoid further errors. NHS providers can access GP registration for every patient.

1. If your practice receives correspondence in error which concerns safeguarding information, (for example about children at risk or vulnerable adults from a local authority) you must send it to the **PCSE central postal address: Primary Care Support England, PO Box 350, Darlington, DL1 9QN** via a secure route such as signed for delivery.
2. If you receive clinical correspondence referring to a former patient of your practice who has died or is deregistered and your practice has returned the main record to PCSE, **ALL** types of correspondence listed above referring to that former patient must be moved to PCSE using the tracked record movement service as outlined in the advice on the PCSE website:
<https://pcse.england.nhs.uk/services/gp-records/>
3. If you have a record or additional notes for a patient who is no longer registered at your practice, you can request a movement for these via [PCSE Online](#). Please go to the 'Records' section to request a movement and complete the information required. A label for the record/additional notes movement will be delivered on your usual courier visit.

If you need to post anything back to PCSE it **MUST** go to the central postal address: **Primary Care Support England, PO Box 350, Darlington, DL1 9QN**.

Please do not send anything to primary care support local offices as these are now closed. Items which are sent to closed locations are in breach of Information Governance requirements which will require investigation and possible reporting to the Information Commissioner