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Dear Practice Manager,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about an optional vaccination scheme for housebound patients being launched across Somerset and find out if you would be interested in participating.

You will have seen the recently published shingles immunisation programme letter for 2018/19 which makes provision for practices to invite patients to be immunised as soon as they become eligible as they turn 70 or 78. Patients who were eligible in previous years, but didn't receive the vaccine also remain eligible; this includes anyone in their 70s born or after 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1942, and 79 year olds, until their 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/shingles-immunisation-programme-letter>

Somerset LMC, Somerset Partnership and the NHS England public health commissioning team have been working together in order to provide a scheme which aims to ensure that practices have capacity to offer shingles immunisation to all eligible housebound patients. The Somerset Partnership community nursing team will provide a shingles vaccination service to any eligible patient, as nominated by the practice, regardless of whether they are on the active caseload of the community team. The scheme will work under a split fee basis whereby the practice will be able to claim £5.03 for each patient vaccinated by the community team.

The details of this optional scheme are as follows:

- Practices who wish to participate in the scheme should inform Somerset Partnership by contacting their local district nursing hub
- As housebound patients become eligible for their shingles immunisation the practice should contact the patient and enquire whether they would like to be vaccinated. If they would like to be vaccinated the practice should inform the patient that a community nurse will contact them to arrange a visit, or if they are on the current caseload of the team they will be vaccinated during a routine visit.
- The practice should inform the community nursing team by referral to the district nursing hub.
- The community nursing team will collect the MAR and vaccine from the practice, vaccinate the patient in their home and inform the practice through e-messaging.

- The practice should code this vaccination as per the table below:

Vaccination	Read v2	Read CTV3	Snomed CT
Herpes zoster vaccination given by other healthcare provider	65FYO	Xaa9g	868511000000106

- Practices should claim the £5.03 per vaccination administered by the community team using the standard South West enhanced services claim form/monitoring return. Fields for practices to claim for this service will be made available on the form in the next version.

There is potential for Somerset Partnership to offer a similar scheme administering influenza and pneumococcal vaccinations to housebound patients between September and December. In the first year this offer may be restricted to patients on the active caseload of the community team only. In order to gauge the level of interest to plan this service for 2018 and going forwards we would be grateful if you could inform us if you would be interested in participating on [phcontractssouthwest@nhs.net](mailto:phcontractssouthwest@nhs.net) by 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018. It would be particularly helpful to understand whether you would wish to participate for patients on the active caseload of the community nurses, patients who are not on the active caseload and/or patients in residential home settings. Equally if you already have plans in place to vaccinate housebound patients who are registered with your practice it would be very helpful if you could let us know. Details of this scheme will then be confirmed by 30<sup>th</sup> June.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me on [phcontractssouthwest@nhs.net](mailto:phcontractssouthwest@nhs.net) if I can be of any further assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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