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DOLS – Legislative Change

From the 3rd of April 2017, it will no longer be necessary to refer all patients who die while subject to an authorisation under the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) to the coroner.

Before that date, patients who died subject to DoLS were regarded as dying while in state detention, triggering an automatic requirement for an inquest. From Monday the 3rd of April the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 will be amended so that coroners will no longer be under a duty to investigate a death solely because the individual was subject to the DoLS at the time. These deaths will only require reporting to the coroner if the cause of death was unknown, or where the cause of death was violent or unnatural.

All deaths while subject to a DoLS authorisation that occur prior to the 3rd of April will still need to be reported to the Coroner.

QOF / GPES and Enhanced Service Payments

NHS England have informed that due to when the Easter bank holiday falls this year, there is a delay in timing of the extracts for enhanced services which has the potential to affect the payments run.

Since 2013, QOF extraction has been separate from the other enhanced services so as not to overload the system. This normally hasn't impacted significantly on the timings of payments for the enhanced services, however, due to the timing of Easter this year and the rules around giving practices time to review and validate data collections, there is a risk that for some practices there is the possibility that their enhanced service payments might be delayed. This is due to timing issues between the achievement calculation and the payment run dates.

NHS E are trying to minimise the impact that this has on practice cash flow, so are looking to time payment run to ensure those with the highest value are done first. The exception is the AUA as the work to validate has always taken some time and it is likely this will get paid later.

The current timetable is the following;

- The process will start on the 27 March, with all the messages going out to system providers.
- The data collection will start at 1 minute past midnight of 31 March/ 1st April.

After QOF the extractions will be prioritised in the order described below:

- Group 1: Men B, Pneumococcal, Seasonal Flu (all March 2017 payment) – all starting 8 April (earliest possible date, 5 working days into the month)
- Group 2: AUA (component 3 payment), LD (Quarter 4 payment), Rotavirus (March 2017 payment), Pertussis (March 2017 payment) – all starting 12 April after completion of Group 1)
- Group 3: Shingles R, Shingles CU, Men ACWY, Childhood Flu (all March 2017 payments) – all starting 16 April (after completion of Group 2)
- Group 4: Alcohol, Named GP and INLIQ (all March 2017 achievement dates but no direct payment calculations) – all starting 20 April (after completion of Group 3)

NHS E is not able to advise on when each run will occur as it is different for each area.

PCSE Update

PCSE has forwarded this [update](#) to all practices but we wanted to ensure that all GPs and Practice Managers received this as it is only usually sent to the main contact PCSE hold for practices.

Next Steps in the Five Year Forward View

NHS E has published this [document](#) outlining next steps in the 5 Year Forward View

DDRB Report

The DDRB has released its [45th report](#) with recommendations for the pay and conditions for doctors in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.