

## **Southwest Immunisation Clinical Advice & Response Service (ICARS)**

Following some recent vaccination discussions with practices, please note a reminder of the support and guidance offered by the South West Immunisation Clinical Advice Response Service (ICARS).

The aim of ICARS is to provide public health guidance to clinicians administering all vaccines commissioned under Section 7a or Covid-19 programmes, and to respond to clinical incidents as they arise in these programmes.

A new website page for ICARS has been developed which includes:

- Examples of what is in scope for the ICARS service
- How to report clinical incidents relating to Covid-19 or Section 7a vaccination programmes
- Learning from incidents and queries
- Healthcare worker guidance for specific immunisation programmes

For further information please visit [NHS England — South West » Immunisation Clinical Advice & Response Service \(ICARS\)](#) or, contact ICARS via email [england.swicars@nhs.net](mailto:england.swicars@nhs.net).

Alternatively, for further information on vaccination within the Somerset system contact Mike Kelly, Programme Lead Vaccinations, [Mike.kelly3@nhs.net](mailto:Mike.kelly3@nhs.net)