



Weekly operational update for local general practice

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Welcome to Insight, Devon Local Medical Committee's short weekly operational update for GPs and practice managers about our work, issues on our radar and key developments in general practice.

We value all feedback – email: richard.turner@devonlmc.org

What the LMC is up to this week

Members of the Executive Team will be attending various meetings this week including discussing local workforce pressures as part of the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP), flu winter planning and medicines optimisation.

Data protection – 'type 2' objections are no longer valid

The national data opt-out was introduced in May 2018 to coincide with the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). It replaces the 'type 2' objection that was previously offered by GP practices. Following a series of communications to GP practices, NHS Digital ceased collecting and applying type 2 objections on 11 October 2018. Practices must no longer record type 2 objection codes and instead signpost patients to the 'Your NHS Data Matters' service using the materials provided earlier this year (including posters, handouts, screen text and recommended text to be added to GP practice privacy notices).

For further information, see the [opt-out pages on the NHS Digital Website](#)

Criteria change for the NHS England Clinical Pharmacists in General Practice Programme

From today, the criteria changes to apply for co-funding for a clinical pharmacist as part of the NHS England Clinical Pharmacists in General Practice Programme.

This will offer more flexibility for sites to operate across a smaller population size and for clinical pharmacists to work part time. More information about the programme is available [here](#).

Cervical Sample Taker Register – reminder

NHS England and Public Health England would like to remind practices to ensure their cervical sample taker system is up to date, if they haven't done so already. This is a one-off sense check – if you are having any technical issues, please email england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net who will assist in resolving them.

LMC website content review and feedback

The LMC's Executive Team and Board members will be reviewing the content on the website again soon to ensure it remains relevant and accurate.

If there's any information which you think would be useful for inclusion, or if you have any feedback on new functions that you would like to see on the website, email richard.turner@devonlmc.org

Help shape the PM Conference

The LMC will start planning the agenda for the next Practice Managers Conference shortly.

If you have any suggestions for speakers or topics please email richard.turner@devonlmc.org and hannah.baxter@devonlmc.org who will then discuss them with the Pan Devon Practice Managers Group.

We have received a steer that PMs want the event to be held in November 2019 in a central location in Devon. More information will be announced in the coming months.

Good response to GP Jobs Fair

Around 12 GPs and 16 local health partners attended the recent GP Jobs Fair in Plymouth where our Medical Secretary Dr Paul Hynam spoke about careers in local general practice and the work of the LMC.