



Weekly operational update for local general practice

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. All feedback to richard.turner@devonlmc.org

New GP Coaching Programme

The LMC has launched a GP Coaching Programme primarily aimed at GPs who have reached a crossroads in their career and who would value a series of structured sessions to support their development.

GPs can access the scheme – funded by NHS England (NHSE) – directly via the LMC Deer Park office. An initial telephone discussion will assess suitability, after which GPs will be offered up to 6x1 hour coaching sessions with an ILM5 or equivalent level coach.

If you feel that the scheme would benefit you, please contact Hannah Baxter, the LMC's Operations Lead, on 01392 834020 or email hannah.baxter@devonlmc.org. If you are an ILM5 coach, or hold an equivalent qualification, and would like to get involved in the Programme's delivery feel free to enquire.

Regional LMCs Meeting round-up

Dr Nigel Watson presented a summary of his Partnership Model Review. He has visited practices across the UK and his work will inform NHS England's plan for general practice. An [interim report](#) has been published today (2 October).

As a priority we also discussed the changeover from Miquest to Health Intelligence (HI) for the Child Health Information Service. This is a major cause for concern across the South West and the Regional LMCs have written jointly to HI and NHSE to inform them of our concerns. As a group we believe that the decision as to whether the extraction of CHIS data is proportionate, is a role for the Information Commissioner (IC). Locally we have discussed this with the clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) and the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) – we await a response.

Workforce

The LMC continues to work closely with the STP, CCGs and the South West Academic Health Science Network (SWAHSN) to define current and projected primary care workforce shortages across Devon. The LMC will be attending a West Country GP Jobs Fair in Plymouth on Friday, 12 October, to discuss careers in local general practice, as well as raising awareness and understanding about our work and how to get involved. More information about the event is available [here](#).

Core hours assurance

The most recent communication on this matter from the LMC and two CCGs – issued on Friday last week – is available [here](#).

LMC's direct route to the top of NHS England

The LMC has accepted an offer from Dr Nikita Kanani, Acting Primary Care Director of NHSE, to join an app-based networking group for primary care leaders which will act as an informal sounding board to share ideas, best practice, issues and frustrations. This builds on the LMC's links with Nikita, who was the keynote speaker at our Annual General Meeting and interacts with us on social media.

Meeting with STP leader

The LMC had a useful initial meeting with Sophia Christie, Accountable Officer for the STP in Devon, and we look forward to establishing a good working relationship with her. The meeting covered a number of key areas including closer engagement with general practice as part of the STP, the future of local commissioning, and the impact of Brexit on the local workforce.

Winter Indemnity Scheme

The Winter Indemnity Scheme (WIS) for 2018/19 has been approved and funded to run from 1 October 2018 to 31 March 2019. GPs are required to book WIS cover in advance with their medical defence organisations.

Flu immunisation programme guidance

Public Health England (PHE) has published new [guidance](#) on the national flu immunisation programme – including advice if individuals have inadvertently been given a flu vaccine that is not the one recommended for their age group.

Developing Primary Care Networks event

The LMC will be attending a regional workshop for primary care teams, commissioners, STP leads and other local stakeholders, focusing on the development of primary care networks and next steps. The event will take place at Sandy Park, Exeter, on Wednesday, 17 October. More information – including how to book your place – is available [here](#).