



## 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](mailto:richard.turner@devonlmc.org)

### Residents in care homes with nursing confirmed as first priority for flu vaccination

As you may be aware, NHS England has issued the [Flu Vaccine Delivery Guidance 2018-19](#) highlighting that the trivalent vaccine will be distributed in three tranches: 40% in September, 20% in October and 40% in November. The guidance states that care home residents should be included in the first phase of patients to be vaccinated. Patients in residential care homes may be vaccinated by community nurse colleagues, but you will need to liaise with your nursing homes to discuss vaccination with them. If you don't intend to vaccinate nursing home residents then please let the care home manager know as soon as possible, so they can make alternative arrangements.

### Petition – Advanced Clinical Practitioners to sign Med 3 forms (FIT notes)

Local practices may wish to consider signing a national [petition](#) to the Government to allow Advanced Clinical Practitioners by law to sign FIT notes to help save time and improve efficiency.

### Referral top tips

Part of this year's Optimising Referrals Local Enhanced Service was to provide GPs with five top tips from consultants in three chosen specialities. The specialities chosen in consultation with the LMC were cardiology, dermatology and gastroenterology. You can review the top tips [here](#).

### Data Protection update

Many local GP practices have indicated that they have had issues using the new [NHS Data Security and Protection Toolkit](#) to report breaches. To report a breach, you need to be set up as an administrator and once you are logged in you can click 'Report an Incident'. NHS Digital has recently produced a [webinar](#) about reporting breaches. The good news is that the Toolkit will decide, based on the information that you provide, whether the matter needs to be reported to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and/or the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC). This means that there is no need to report the breach to the ICO separately, as the Toolkit will report the breach directly to the ICO for you. The ICO will then contact you or your Data Protection Officer (DPO) to request further information if necessary. You also need to record a copy of the breach on your internal register to show your compliance with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)/Data Protection Act 2018. Not all breaches will need to be reported via the Toolkit, but they must be recorded on your internal register. If you are unsure whether to report the breach on the Toolkit, please contact your DPO (Bex Lovewell for most of you via [bex.lovewell@nhs.net](mailto:bex.lovewell@nhs.net)) who can assist.

For further guidance about reporting an incident, please refer to the [guidance](#) which NHS Digital has provided.

### GP Coaching Programme

There has been a good response to the launch of the LMC's GP Coaching Programme – aimed at GPs who have reached a crossroads in their career and who would value the opportunity to receive some structured developmental coaching. Please contact [hannah.baxter@devonlmc.org](mailto:hannah.baxter@devonlmc.org) to express your interest.

### Flu vaccination media campaign latest

Our media release encouraging people to have the flu vaccination at their GP surgery made the front page of the latest edition of the Paper for Honiton.