



## 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)

### **DWP guidance on completing medical reports**

The Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) has published [guidance](#) for GPs about situations when you may be asked for information relating to a benefit claim on behalf of your patients.

### **Winter indemnity scheme**

Matt Mayer, the General Practitioners Committee's (GPC) policy lead on workload, has written [a blog](#) which will guide you through the winter indemnity scheme (WIS) and explain how to access it. The WIS will run again until 31 March, 2019.

### **LMC Board meeting**

The LMC will be holding its bi-monthly Board meeting on Friday – items under consideration include the future of local commissioning, pastoral and practice support, the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) and the LMC Conference.

### **GP meeting on proposed CCG merger**

Representatives of all practices in South Devon and Torbay are encouraged to join South Devon and Torbay Clinical Commissioning Group at Newton Abbot Racecourse on 28 November 2018 to discuss a proposed merger with New Devon Clinical Commissioning Group. There will be a light buffet and refreshments from 6.30pm, ahead of the main meeting from 7pm. The LMC will be attending the meeting to join the discussions – and is facilitating some of the logistical arrangements.

### **LMC monthly newsletter**

The latest LMC monthly newsletter is available now and includes the launch of a new regular practice manager's column and a request for practices to provide updated contact details for GPs and PMs – with their consent – so the LMC can ensure its database is up to date. Read more [here](#).

### **LMC Buying Group: Member Survey**

The LMC Buying Group will be reviewing all of its supplier contracts shortly and would like your feedback on what is important to you when choosing a supplier. They have produced a two-minute [survey](#) to gather feedback and the results will help them during market testing ahead of contract renewals next year.

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