



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

Excess stock of Flud/aTIV

Public Health England's South West Screening and Immunisation Team is asking practices and pharmacies not return any excess/unwanted Flud (adjuvanted trivalent influenza vaccine /aTIV) supply to the manufacturer – even if they have a sale or return arrangement – in the unlikely event they have a surplus.

Any settings with excess stock of Flud should contact their local CCG representative or the Public Health England South West Screening and Immunisation Team (england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net) so that supply can be re-distributed to where it is needed locally.

Stock returned to the manufacturer cannot be reissued and will be destroyed, resulting in a loss of vaccine within the system.

If you have any queries contact your local CCG representative or the PHE Screening and Immunisation Team at england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net

GP Partnership Review – final chance to share your views

The GP Partnership Review has been meeting GPs across the country – including Devon – to listen to the challenges that the profession faces. There is a significant issue with the GP workforce – despite a record number of GP trainees the number of partners is decreasing. The Review would like to gain a better understanding of how this affects those in the early, middle or later part of a GP's career, and also what the potential solutions might be. The [survey](#) closes on Monday, 3 December, and only takes a few minutes to complete.

Primary Care Indemnity Survey

The Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) has published the [results of their Ipsos Mori indemnity survey](#), designed to understand current indemnity arrangements within general practice, informing the development of the new state backed scheme.

As over half of the GPs surveyed were unaware of what kind of cover they had, the DHSC is encouraging GPs to be proactive in checking their current and previous indemnity coverage.

GPs with claims-paid or claims-made indemnity policies will be required to purchase run-off cover separately themselves to ensure they are fully indemnified for any claims that may occur.

Annual GP practice self declaration

GP practices are reminded that the 2018/19 GP annual practice declaration (eDEC) is open for submissions until Wednesday, 5 December, 2018.

All practices are required to submit their eDEC through the primary care website: www.primarycare.nhs.uk
Access the eDEC [here](#).

Hepatitis C guidance for GPs and patients

NHS England has published resources about Hepatitis C, including guidance for GPs and patients, which is available [here](#).