



## 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)

### Survey on GP practice staff flu vaccination uptake

A survey on flu vaccination uptake of GP practice frontline healthcare workers across the South West is now live – and practices have until Tuesday, 11 December to submit their data.

Please use the Immform website <https://portal.immform.dh.gov.uk> to indicate the number of eligible frontline healthcare workers in your practice and the number who have been vaccinated so far. Guidance for submitting your data is available [here](#). If you are having issues, contact: [helpdesk@immform.org.uk](mailto:helpdesk@immform.org.uk) or call 0844 3760040.

### Important NHS Property Services request

Some practices may have been in touch with the General Practitioners Committee (GPC) already about ongoing issues with NHS Property Services (NHSPS) in relation to service charges. The GPC is now looking at practices that fall into groups F and H in this [matrix](#). Please contact the GPC via [info.gpc@bma.org.uk](mailto:info.gpc@bma.org.uk) if you belong in either of these groups.

### New prescribing guidance from NHS England

NHS England (NHSE) has published a new consultation on further items which should not be routinely prescribed in primary care, as well as new guidance on evidence-based interventions and the prescribing of gluten-free foods. You can read it [here](#).

### Supply issues with Bricanyl Turbohalers

Astra Zeneca has informed the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) about a supply problem with Bricanyl Turbohaler (terbutaline 500microgram). Interim deliveries are expected again in December, but normal supplies won't be available until the end of January. UK Medicines Information (UKMi) has issued a [briefing](#) about clinical management strategies. Salbutamol products are available from a range of suppliers if patients are required to be switched during this period of short supply, but 'will require retraining if they are required to be switched to a different device'.

### Focus on the Falsified Medicines Directive

The Government has agreed to implement the Falsified Medicines Directive, which means practices should prepare for implementation and demonstrate compliance by 9 February, 2019. The GPC has argued strongly that the NHS must fund the equipment required and make the necessary IT equipment available to facilitate the Directive so that the impact on the workload of GPs and their employees is kept to a minimum. Read more [here](#).

### Contract guidance for GPs working in non-standard roles

GPs are increasingly stepping beyond the conventional boundaries of general practice to forge diverse careers that suit their interests, expertise and skills. It is important for GPs engaging in these roles, in which they might not be protected by nationally agreed TCS, to be aware of their rights and check that the employment offer and their working arrangements are fit for purpose. The GPC has produced [guidance](#) to help ensure that all GPs receive appropriate employment terms and conditions, regardless of their employer.

### Elective Care Forums

Four Elective Care Forums were held over the summer across Devon where attendees heard about the current landscape of elective care for the county and contributed to lively discussions. Devon Referral Support Services (DRSS) has collated the feedback: [What You Said and What We Did](#)