



## 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 – doctors and dentists pay round 2019/20

Views are sought on the pay round for doctors and dentists for 2019/20. The short survey is available [here](#) – it closes today.

### Dispensation on movement of QIV stocks

The Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has confirmed that the same dispensation agreed for the adjuvanted trivalent influenza vaccine (aTIV) can be applied to the quadrivalent influenza vaccine (QIV) when moving stocks between providers where there are shortages.

Normally, medication can only be passed between providers where a wholesaler licence exists, however the MHRA has confirmed that with QIV – recommended for those aged under 65 and in a clinical risk groups – it would not prevent supply under the given circumstances of 'in short supply' or 'no supply' available provided:

- the surgery that is holding the excess stock can give an assurance that the vaccine has been held properly in the correct temperature-controlled conditions
- confirmed record keeping of temperature monitoring is available
- the surgery that requests the QIV is able to verify the assurances given
- the vaccine can be transported appropriately under the right conditions.

### Issues with QOF payments

There are some identified issues with v39 of the Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF) rules and the LMC has been assured these are being worked through ahead of 31 March 2019 to ensure that all payments due to practices are correct.

If you spot any reporting errors then refer to the [spreadsheet](#) which lists all the potential issues currently being resolved. If your error is not featured, let the LMC know and we will raise it nationally.

### Suture tariff changes

The codes for Ethicon sutures used in minor surgery have been standardised and the Association of Surgeons in Primary Care (ASPC) has received reports of GP practices not being able to buy the products they are used to using as suppliers have run out of old stock bearing the former product codes.

ASPC has provided [information](#) to explain the changes in codes – note them if you want to continue to claim for sutures used.

### Reminder – have your say on delegated commissioning for primary care

NEW Devon Clinical Commissioning Group is seeking the support of its membership about taking on the delegated commissioning responsibility from NHS England for the commissioning of general practice.

The LMC is overseeing the ballot and voting papers and supporting information were issued on Wednesday, 5 December. Practices have until 4pm on Wednesday, 19 December, 2018, to register their confidential vote.

### NHS Healthchecks Training Survey

Public Health Devon is seeking the views of the workforce delivering NHS Healthchecks to inform future training offers. The survey is available [here](#) and is open until Thursday, 20 December, 2018.