



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

GP Coaching Programme

This has been a great success so far and is a popular option for those who have reached a crossroads in their career. The LMC will be attending the regional appraisal meetings in 2019 to further promote the scheme. Please email hannah.baxter@devonlmc.org in the office for advice.

South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust update

Meetings with SWAST will continue throughout 2019. Please ensure that any issues are raised either through your sub-committee or directly with the LMC office.

A recent investigation by [Pulse](#) revealed that nationally patients who need an ambulance at a GP surgery are routinely facing waits twice as long as patients who call 999 from elsewhere. This followed the subject being highlighted in a debate at the English LMC Conference.

Motions for the National LMC Conference

The LMC has submitted over 20 motions for consideration at the National LMC Conference – taking on board the views of grassroots GPs.

The motions cover key areas affecting general practice including intermediate care, investment, recruitment, pensions, information technology and the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) law.

We look forward to seeing how many motions make the final agenda at the Conference, which takes place in Belfast on Wednesday, 20 March.

A delegation from the LMC – including representatives from all three sub-committees – will be attending the event.

PM Coaching and Mentoring service

Practice managers are being offered coaching and mentoring sessions as part of a programme by NHS England. There are 700 places available nationally, subject to a suitability assessment and on a first come first serve basis. Up to four 90-minute sessions are offered to help identify goals and think through challenges and opportunities. The deadline to apply is Monday, 21 January, 2019. Register your interest [here](#).

Pensions consultation

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has announced that it will be consulting on proposals to change NHS pension scheme regulations. Click [here](#) to read the consultation.

New member of the Executive Team

Debra Byam has accepted a conditional offer and will join the LMC as an Executive Administrator on 4 February. She has extensive and broad admin experience and will fill the current vacancy following a recent staff departure.

In the meantime, the workload will be closely managed to ease the burden on the Executive Team's back office during this interim period.

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