



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 Partnership Model Review

The [final report](#) has been released today. The Review has engaged with GPs – including the LMC – and others with an interest to look for solutions to reinvigorate the partnership model and support the transformation of general practice.

Flu latest

Practices are reminded to upload data regularly to ImmForm – rather than in one fell swoop – so Public Health England (PHE) can collect a range of timely immunisation and vaccination information to enable the monitoring and reporting of uptake and coverage, including flu data for children, over 65 years and the at-risk population. ImmForm are also open to discussions about lifting a cap on flu vaccine orders – if practices need more supplies then please approach them.

As the licensing of additional recommended vaccines has yet to be completed, the LMC reiterates ordering aTIV and QIV for 2019/20 with favorable terms that allow practices to vary without penalties, if needed.

Shared learning from the GP Performance Advisory Group

The regional GP Performance Advisory Group (GPAG) meets to review concerns raised about GPs – including information from serious incidents, significant event analysis and complaints. Shared learning from the latest meeting is available [here](#).

CHIS/Health Intelligence

This data extraction system is due to replace the MIQUEST system (which will not be supported after 31 January) – however significant concerns remain about its data protection safeguards and until these are resolved the LMC advises practices not to sign any agreements. The LMC, Kernow LMC and the Regional LMC have all advised that the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) must be engaged before this process is supported.

Nominations open for South and West Devon GPC position

Nominations are now open for several regional representative positions on the General Practitioners Committee (GPC) – including South and West Devon. Read more [here](#) about the process and how to get involved.

New Head of Primary Care

Following a recent recruitment process Gill Munday has been seconded to the post of Head of Primary Care for North and East Devon, at NEW Devon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), for 12 months.

Items which shouldn't be routinely prescribed in primary care

As part of the current [consultation on items which should not routinely be prescribed in primary care](#), NHS England and NHS Clinical Commissioners are hosting a webinar to outline proposals for updated CCG guidance, including more effective, safer and/or cheaper alternative items. It will also provide GPs and other prescribers with an opportunity to ask questions and share their views on the proposals. The webinar will be held tomorrow (16 January), from 2-3pm. Visit the [NHS England website](#) to book your place.

Legal advice on witness summonses, court orders and e-signatures

The General Practitioners Defence Fund (GPDF) has commissioned useful legal briefings for practices who receive [witness summons or court orders](#) and on the implications of using [electronic signatures](#).