



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

Update on new blood collection system

The Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital (RD&E) will convert to the Becton Dickinson (BD) blood collection system on 3 and 4 March, 2019. This change will affect all GP surgeries that send their routine bloods to the Trust. The conversion will bring the RD&E into alignment with all other Trusts in Devon, Cornwall and Dorset. All GP surgeries are requested to review what stocks of Sarstedt products – the current supplier – you hold and rationalise what orders you place over the next few weeks, to ensure waste is minimised. Areas with excess stock can return items to the Pathology Stores, via the RD&E Transport team. This stock will be used up by the RD&E Phlebotomy team.

You will be contacted by Denis Mbu, Business Development Manager at BD, soon to arrange a date and time to visit your surgery to carry out training. It will begin at GP surgeries from 18 February, 2019. Email Denis if you wish to contact him: MBU.Denis@bd.com

If you have any other queries in relation to the system conversion, contact Aled Lewis, Phlebotomy Manager at the RD&E, on 01392 402957 or aled.lewis@nhs.net

Primary Care Networks' Survey

NEW Devon Clinical Commissioning Group recently published a paper about Primary Care Networks and the LMC is now conducting a short survey to compile a database of GP practices affiliated to a network. The survey has been sent to all local practice managers and only takes two minutes to complete – your answers will remain confidential and won't be shared with any third parties. You can complete the survey [here](#).

Countdown to national data opt-out compliance

It may seem a long way off now, but all health and care organisations in England must be compliant with national data opt-out policy by 31 March, 2020.

Please see the new [compliance section of NHS Digital's website](#) for more information. Further guidance will be added here soon, including a compliance implementation guide.

EU Exit operational readiness guidance – summary for primary care

The General Practitioners Committee (GPC) has published a summary for primary care of the '[EU Exit operational readiness guidance](#)' which is now available on the [its website](#).

Evidence submitted on doctors' pay

The Department of Health and Social Care has published its evidence to the Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration (DDRB) for the 2019-20 pay round, which can be found [here](#). The British Medical Association's (BMA) response is available [here](#).

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