



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

Save the date – GPC Roadshow

The General Practitioners Committee (GPC) will hold a roadshow in Devon shortly about the GP contract – which is set to be pivotal to the future of general practice – and local GPs and practice managers are encouraged to 'save the date'.

The event will take place at Exeter Racecourse on Thursday, 7 March, with Dr Mark Sanford-Wood, Deputy Chair at the GPC, presenting. There will be opportunities to ask questions. The agenda is available [here](#).

Please confirm your attendance to richard.turner@devonlmc.org – places are available on a first come first serve basis as we are expecting a large turnout.

Devon LMC – Induction to General Practice

The LMC has designed and commissioned a one day induction package for new GPs, PMs and other members of the GP leadership team who are new or relatively new to general practice.

The day will include briefs from external organisations such as the clinical commissioning group, Devon Doctors, NHS England, the Community Education Provider Network and the Care Quality Commission as well as a facilitated introduction to GP finance, strategic policy development and the Quality Outcomes Framework.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided and the whole day should be a great networking opportunity.

The LMC plans to run three courses as a pilot to gauge how valuable they are viewed by participants before running them on a permanent basis. The day will be free for delegates. The dates this year are 3 April, 9 July and 7 November. Places are limited, so please register as soon as possible. You can register [here](#).

Flu vaccination programme update

NHS England (NHSE) has issued a new update about ordering vaccines for the 2019/20 seasonal flu vaccination programme. Providers should order currently licensed vaccines – aTIV, QIVe and QIVc – for the 2019/20 season for their populations in eligible groups. These three recommended vaccines will be eligible for reimbursement by NHSE. Read more [here](#).

Meanwhile, Seqirus has informed NHSE that there are plans to have a 'soft close' on ordering of adjuvanted trivalent influenza vaccines (aTIV/Fluad recommended for patients aged over 65 years) at the end of February. They are allocating delivery slots and the current 'week available' is 23 September, 2019. Seqirus has confirmed that the aTIV vaccines will be delivered with staked needles.

Please note that Public Health England (PHE) will continue to procure and supply all LAIV and injected flu vaccines for those aged under 18 years. These vaccines will be ordered through Immform: portal.immform.dh.gov.uk/. If you have any further queries, please contact: england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net

Health Intelligence

We understand that practices may receive emails in their admin box's titled 'Extract Service Agreement – Health Intelligence SRAF'. We continue to recommend that practices do not sign any agreement with Health Intelligence until the agreement has been seen by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). We have yet to hear from CHIS or Health Intelligence that the ICO have been consulted.

Data Security and Protection Toolkit requirement

The deadline to complete your online Data Security and Protection Toolkit, which is required for all practices and other organisations who access patient data, is fast approaching.



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The assessment must be completed and published by 31 March, 2019. If you still need to register for the toolkit, click [here](#) with the practice's Organisation Data Service (ODS) code.

Campaign to boost the local GP workforce

Local health partners have launched a new [online GP prospectus](#) to promote working in general practice in the West Country. Another [GP Job Fair](#) will also take place in Plymouth on Friday, 1 March.