



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.

Additional QIV flu vaccination supplies available

NHS England has received confirmation from Sanofi Pasteur that they have secured additional QIV flu vaccinations for use on under 65years and appropriate cohorts. Practices with QIV supply shortages should contact their local vaccine account manager or Sanofi Pasteur Customer Services on 0800 854430 to discuss options.

Conditions when over the counter items shouldn't be routinely prescribed

Practices need to be aware of the guidance on conditions when over the counter items should not routinely be prescribed in primary care. You can read it [here](#).

Perinatal mental health training available

GP champions are available to deliver training to local practices in the recognition, treatment and support for women with perinatal mental health problems. The sessions will cover: what is perinatal mental illness and why is it important?; barriers to effective management in primary care; case-based discussions; and top tips for your practice. Contact rebecca.vermeer@nhs.net to set up a training session.

Places filling up fast for the GPC Roadshow

Please confirm your attendance to the General Practitioners Committee (GPC) Roadshow in Devon about the landmark 2019-20 GP contract as places are filling up fast.

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](#). Email richard.turner@devonlmc.org if you plan to attend.

High demand for the LMC's Induction to General Practice

Book now as places are limited for the LMC's free one day induction package for new GPs, PMs, PNs and other members of the GP leadership team who are new or relatively new to general practice. The dates this year are 3 April, 9 July and 7 November. More information – including details on how to register – is available [here](#).

Understand more about how cancers get diagnosed at your practice

The National Cancer Diagnosis Audit (NCDA) gathers data on the cancer care continuum from first presentation to the date of diagnosis. The project is looking for GPs to submit data on the primary care portion of patient pathways to cancer diagnosis. In turn, the audit team will offer tailored, confidential feedback on pathways at your practice, allowing you to evidence good practice and highlight potential opportunities for quality improvement. Benefits of taking part in the audit for GPs include: evidence good practice and identify diagnostic challenges; improve cancer care and outcomes for your patients; understand how your practice compares to other services; demonstrate quality improvement for appraisal, revalidation and CQC inspection. Find out more [here](#).

Appointment of CCG Clinical Chair – next steps

The Clinical Commissioning Groups asked the LMC to publish a notice about the appointment of a new Clinical Chair. Practices received an email from the LMC on 30 January – a reminder that you have until 5pm tomorrow (6 February) if you wish to respond.

We value all feedback about the operational update – email: richard.turner@devonlmc.org