



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.

Reminder to claim reimbursement of CQC fees

Practices can claim reimbursements for Care Quality Commission (CQC) fees. As this is a practice entitlement, the General Practitioners Committee (GPC) advises you to contact your clinical commissioning group (CCG) for details about the local procedure for doing this. Please send claims to england.pcfincasesw@nhs.net

LMC support with PCNs

You will be aware that the time to register for Primary Care Networks (PCNs) is pressing with a 15 May deadline – the LMC is keen to identify and work with practices not in a federation, alliance or cluster. Contact hannah.baxter@devonlmc.org if you fall into this category.

The LMC will also host a PCN Clinical Directors' Workshop during the evening of 21 May to discuss the way ahead and outline critical milestones for the first year. More details – including the venue, timings and agenda – will be shared soon. In the meantime, email your expressions of interest to attend to: admin@devonlmc.org

Places filling up fast for the GPC Roadshow

Around 100 GPs and practice managers have already signed up to the GPC Roadshow in Devon about the landmark 2019-20 GP contract. Email richard.turner@devonlmc.org if you plan to attend. Places are available on a first come first serve basis.

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](#).

Vaccine Storage Audit Tool – reminder

Practices are reminded that the vaccine storage audit tool will remain open until Monday, 18 February – Public Health England (PHE) South West's Screening and Immunisations Team would be grateful if all practices could work through each of the questions and submit a completed version. If you are not following national cold chain guidance, action must be taken to be compliant.

The Vaccine Storage Audit Tool should be used in conjunction with Immunisation Against Infectious Diseases, (The Green Book 2006), Chapter 3 'Storage, distribution and disposal of vaccines' and the Department of Health Protocol for ordering, storing and handling vaccines, available [here](#). If you have any queries, contact england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net

High demand for the LMC's Induction to General Practice

This event has been well received – with 20 places already booked – with wide representation of general practice roles. Please flag this to your GP Trainees, as we would like to ensure they have an opportunity to attend. The day is free for delegates, with lunch provided. The dates this year are 3 April (fully booked), 9 July and 7 November. Register [here](#).

Consultation on items which should not routinely be prescribed

Practices have until 28 February to submit their response to NHS England's latest [consultation](#) on items which shouldn't routinely be prescribed in primary care.

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