



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.

GPC Roadshow full

All 150 places have now been allocated for next week's General Practitioners Committee (GPC) Roadshow in Devon about the new GP Contract following the advertised registration process.

If you wish to be placed on a reserve list should any places become available, or can no longer attend and can free up your place for someone else, email richard.turner@devonlmc.org by noon on Thursday, 28 February. The event takes place on Thursday, 7 March, at Exeter Racecourse. The agenda is available [here](#).

Contract agreement funding figures and FAQs

The new values of the global sum, the Quality Outcomes Framework (QOF), out-of-hours adjustment and the new practice participation payment have now been published and can be accessed on the [GP Contract webpage](#) (in the 'practice funding and pay' tab).

The 1.4% additional investment to the practice contract includes a 1% uplift to global sum and a SFE payment, linked to practice participation in primary care networks, of £1.76 per weighted patient. This therefore delivers an extra £2.68 per weighted patient in to practice budgets for 2019/20. In addition specific vaccination item of service fees have increased, including seasonal influenza. Together with the removal of indemnity expenses this means practices will be able to deliver a 2% uplift to practice staff pay.

Update on new blood collection system

The LMC has received this communique from the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital (RD&E): "The 4 March go-live date for the RD&E's conversion to the Becton Dickinson (BD) blood collection system is fast approaching. Any areas that have not had training or have not arranged a session should contact Denis Mbu, Business Development Manager at BD, as soon as possible to book a slot at MBU.Denis@bd.com

It is important that the switch is made on 4 March, as managing a mix of Sarstedt and BD tubes from primary care will cause issues in the RD&E's laboratory and may result in delayed processing. Please return unused stocks of Sarstedt tubes to the laboratory via the couriers after 4 March.

If you have any queries contact Aled Lewis, Deputy Laboratory Manager at the RD&E, on 01392 402957 or aled.lewis@nhs.net"

Firearms guidance updated

The GPC has updated its [firearms licensing guidance](#) with minor changes to 'flagging' and 'conscientious objection'.

Nominations open for South and West Devon GPC position

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

GP Premises Survey results

The GPC has undertaken a major [GP premises survey](#) and the results show that only half the buildings in England are fit for purpose, with surgeries too small to meet the demands of a growing population.

We value all feedback – email: richard.turner@devonlmc.org