



## 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 places available at the GPC Roadshow in Devon**

Due to the high demand, additional places are now available for the General Practitioners Committee (GPC) Roadshow about the new GP Contract in Devon this week.

As previously advertised, the event will take place on Thursday (7 March) at Exeter Racecourse, in the Denman Room, with Dr Mark Sanford-Wood, Deputy Chair at the GPC, presenting. A light buffet will be available from 6:45pm, with the main event running from 7:15pm-9:30pm. The agenda is available [here](#). There will be plenty of opportunities to ask questions.

Any GPs or practice managers who wish to attend should email [richard.turner@devonlmc.org](mailto:richard.turner@devonlmc.org) to register, for logistical purposes, as we need to manage numbers as the Roadshows have been standing room only in some parts of the country. Thanks to those who have already registered – your places have been ringfenced.

Dr Sanford-Wood has written an update about Primary Care Networks (PCNs) ahead of the event. Read more [here](#).

### **Bluestream Academy e-learning platform free to practices**

Devon Community Education Provider Network (CEPN) has announced that local GP practices will continue to have access to Bluestream training for all staff at no cost to them for this coming year. Read more [here](#).

### **Quality Outcomes Framework (QOF) payments**

The identified issues with v39 of QOF rules have now been rectified, which should ensure that all payments due to practices are correct. However, if you do spot any reporting errors or have evidence that your practice has been financially impacted by the late resolution to the QOF rules, then contact the LMC for support.

### **CQC update**

Practices have been sent an update on the new approach to regulation of general practice being introduced from 1 April, 2019. Practices rated good/outstanding will no longer be routinely inspected every two years, with their inspections changing to a maximum interval of five years. Instead, these practices will have an annual regulatory review, including the outcome of a 'provider information collection' (PIC) with an annual phone call to the practice, as a satisfactory IT solution for the PIC has yet to be developed. Updated guidance is available on the Care Quality Commission (CQC) website: [How we monitor GP practices](#) and a new page on the [questions that we'll ask on the calls](#).

### **Metoprolol 50mg and 100mg tablets**

Supply of metoprolol is likely to be intermittent for several months. If patients are having difficulty obtaining metoprolol, they may need to be switched to an alternative. Advice on management options for patients is available [here](#). Manufacturers of bisoprolol, atenolol and propranolol have indicated they have capacity for additional demand.

### **LMC office closed on 8 March**

The LMC office will be closed on Friday (8 March) as staff will be offsite on a development day. If you have an urgent issue, ring 01392 834020 where you will be instructed what to do via an automated message.

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