



## 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.

### **PCN forum for clinical directors**

The British Medical Association's (BMA) primary care network support (PCN) has a discussion forum for members to converse and share information. The forum is for GPs who are opting to become or have already been hired as a clinical director for their network and/or are leading the creation/development of the network. The forum is open to non-BMA members until 30 June. On 30 June the forum will be shut down, at which point clinical directors who are BMA members will transition to a different discussion forum and will be notified. If you are not a BMA member, you will need to join the BMA to access the forum. [Clinical Directors Forum](#)

### **Brexit readiness plans**

The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has written to practices asking them to submit their risk assessment/readiness plans for Brexit. The LMC cannot find a requirement for plans to be submitted and on what basis would practices calculate risk? The LMC has advised practices not to respond and has written to the CCG informing them of this. The note concludes: 'LMC advice to practices is that there is no specific requirement, little value and certainly no capacity to spend time responding to your letter'. This has been accepted by the CCG and the matter is closed.

### **Post Brexit employment of professionals**

The Government has passed regulations which ensure that professional qualifications recognised under the existing Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualification Directive will largely continue to be recognised in the event of a no-deal Brexit. Formal wording from the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) will follow to confirm this. The LMC will keep you updated.

### **Stagecoach letters about HGV licenses**

GPs have been sent letters from Stagecoach asking for their opinions on the fitness of patients to drive their coaches. GPs are not trained in occupational health medicine. HGV/PCV medical can be filled in by GPs because they are a statement of medical fact. However, the Stagecoach form asks for an opinion which GPs are not qualified to provide. This appears to be an attempt to shift the risk to the GP and it would not be covered by the Clinical Negligence Scheme for General Practice (CNSGP). LMC advice is not to engage with this and give it back to the bus company as it is their problem to solve.

### **Preparing for partnership – pilot**

The LMC will run a half-day course for registrars and GPs to prepare them for aspects of partnership which are either new or they will be unprepared for. The event will take place on 18 June, from 9am-1pm, at the LMC's HQ and will be led by Dr Mark Sanford-Wood, Medical Secretary. Email expressions of interest to [hannah.baxter@devonlmc.org](mailto:hannah.baxter@devonlmc.org)

### **Database of practices involved in work experience**

The University of Exeter Medical School, Health Education England (HEE), RCGP Tamar Faculty and Plymouth Medical School are setting up a database of practices in Devon and Cornwall willing to offer work experience to sixth formers and junior doctors. For more information, contact Dr Helen Rogers: [H.K.Rogers@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:H.K.Rogers@exeter.ac.uk)

### **CCG confirmation process for locality GP lead role**

The LMC issued a message to all practices in South Devon and Torbay recently – via practice managers or equivalent – on behalf of the CCG about a confirmation process for a locality GP lead role. If you missed the email, contact [debra.byam@devonlmc.org](mailto:debra.byam@devonlmc.org) for a copy.