



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.

LMC Primary Care Network resource

The LMC has set up a primary care network (PCN) resource 'community' – accessed via our website – which will be updated regularly with frequently asked questions, key updates and guidance documents.

An automatic email is generated to alert users when a new post is submitted. We encourage practices to use this 'community space' to leave comments and ask questions.

Invitations to join the community space have been sent to all practice managers. Other members of the practice team, including GPs, can be added by emailing hannah.baxter@devonlmc.org or bob.fancy@devonlmc.org

New syringe driver prescription chart for Western Locality

From 1 April 2019 a new syringe driver prescription chart will be introduced in the Western Locality. Many users had reported difficulties with the current chart, including safety issues when prescribing end of life medications, the 'last days of life' title causing upset to families and the fact it needed rewriting every few days.

The new chart includes a conversion chart and advice on using opioids at end of life and is aligned with the joint formulary and Just in Case bag prescribing guidance. The chart is valid for up to 28 days, depending on the patient's condition. Copies of the chart will be held by Livewell community nurses and it may also be used in care homes.

A letter explaining all the changes will be sent to all Western Locality practice managers. If you have any queries email jemma.cooper@nhs.net

Clinical Negligence Scheme for General Practice

NHS Resolution has published its supporting Clinical Negligence Scheme for General Practice (CNSGP) [documentation](#). From 1 April 2019, NHS Resolution will be operating the new state-backed indemnity scheme for general practice in England.

Locum practice agreement

The General Practitioners Committee has published the [locum practice agreement](#) which includes terms and conditions and a work schedule to form a legal contract that can be used by locum GPs and practices for locum engagements and minimise common disputes.

Cervical screening – national awareness campaign

Public Health England has launched a new campaign to help increase participation in the National Cervical Screening Programme. It is estimated that this will result on average in one to three additional applications for cervical screening a month per practice. Cervical screening is estimated to save 5,000 lives a year and yet coverage is at a 20-year low. For more information and resources visit [the PHE Campaign Resource Centre](#).

Operational Bulletin – change of issue date

The weekly Operational Bulletin will be issued on Wednesday afternoons in future due to changes in work patterns in the LMC office. Email your proposed signed off copy submissions – maximum of 100 words per item with links to more information – to richard.turner@devonlmc.org by 10am on a Tuesday.

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