



## 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.

### **Contracts for 'shared care' arrangements**

During the LMC's review of 'shared care' medications it has become apparent that some hospital departments have stopped sending a contract for the signature of a GP.

A signed contract between the GP and consultant is a crucial part of the shared care process and we recommend that you ensure this is in place prior to prescribing what is essentially a secondary care medication. If you have not received a contract to sign then please issue a yellow card and contact the department in question. Contact the LMC if you have ongoing concerns.

### **Update – stagecoach letters about HGV licenses**

The LMC has written to Stagecoach after reports that local GPs have been sent letters from the bus company asking their opinion on the fitness of patients to drive their coaches. The LMC letter is available [here](#) for reference.

### **Final chance to register your place at the LMC's AGM**

Dr Krishna Kasaraneni, from the General Practitioners Committee (GPC), will provide an overview on developments in general practice at the LMC's AGM at Exeter Racecourse on Wednesday, 15 May, from 4-6:30pm. Please confirm your attendance to [richard.turner@devonlmc.org](mailto:richard.turner@devonlmc.org) by Friday, 3 May.

### **Shared learning from the Performance Advisory Group**

The latest shared learning from the regional GP Performance Advisory Group (PAG) attended by the LMC – where concerns are reviewed – is available [here](#).

### **Reminder – local Clinical Directors Workshop**

Most local GP practices are forming their Primary Care Networks (PCNs) and Clinical Directors are being confirmed.

The LMC will host a free Clinical Directors Workshop on Tuesday, 21 May, from 6-9pm at Fingle Glen, Tedburn St Mary, to discuss the way ahead, outline critical milestones for the first year and provide a platform for networking opportunities. The workshop will be facilitated by Dr Mark Sanford-Wood, Medical Secretary at the LMC. A light buffet and refreshments will be available on arrival.

More information – including an agenda – will be available in due course. To book a place email [hannah.baxter@devonlmc.org](mailto:hannah.baxter@devonlmc.org) by noon on **Tuesday, 14 May** and indicate which PCN you are representing. Meanwhile, the GPC has issued a [top tips document](#) for reference when forming PCNs and Dr Krishna Kasaraneni, from the GPC's Executive Team, has [blogged](#) about a planned conference for PCN Clinical Directors.

### **New claim form for reimbursement of NHS Pension Scheme contributions – 2015/16 and 2016/17**

NHS Pensions has published a new claim form for reimbursement of NHS Pension Scheme contributions for 2015/16 and 2016/17. GPs seeking reimbursement of some of their contributions because their tiered employee contribution rate was set using the 'annualise then add' instead of the 'add then annualise' method, should complete and submit this form to Primary Care Support England (PCSE) via the [online enquiries form](#). The form must be received by PCSE by 14 June. For wider pension-payment queries, visit PCSE's [website](#).



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### **CQC advice on care of homeless patients and asylum seekers**

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has published new myth-busters on what practices need to consider in their care of [homeless patients](#) and the [registration and treatment of asylum-seekers, refugees and other migrants](#).

### **Update on General Practice Indicators temporary outage**

NHS England (NHSE) has announced that the [general practice indicators website](#) will go live on 31 May rather than today (1 May). NHSE has put a contingency plan in place to support practices needing to access indicators for any urgent operational needs. Exceptional data access requests can be made to [nelcsu.england.primarycareindicators@nhs.net](mailto:nelcsu.england.primarycareindicators@nhs.net)

### **NICE consultation on quality indicators**

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) is consulting on potential new quality indicators for general practice until Thursday, 16 May. Read more and take part [here](#).