



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.

Letter template – requests for medical certificates for school children during term time

A useful [rebuttal template](#) is available to respond to inappropriate school requests to GPs for letters to support a child's absence from education. Guidance from the General Practitioners Committee (GPC) is also available [here](#).

Protecting access to safeguarding notes

Templates – including step by step guides – are available for practices to mark safeguarding information as confidential when scanning it into patient notes. The template for SystemOne is available [here](#). The template for EMIS can be found [here](#).

Expressions of interest sought to become a co-optee of the Devon LMC Board

The LMC is inviting expressions of interest from its elected GP membership to become a co-optee on its Board. See the [letter](#) from our Director of Operations for more information including the role and remit, how to apply and the remuneration package.

New Contractual Guidance and Ready-Reckoner

NHS England (NHSE) has published more guidance about the new and amended GP contractual requirements for 2019/20 and related enhanced services. Additionally, NHSE, in partnership with the GPC, has published a Ready Reckoner to provide an indication of the changes in income streams that may affect GMS practices from 1 April, 2019. Both documents are available on the [NHSE](#) website.

Regional elections – GP Trainees Sub-committee

Regional elections are taking place for the GPC's GP Trainees Sub-committee – including in the South West. Read more [here](#).

Request from Devon Doctors

GPs are requested to be specific about the exact nature of allergies in their notes and on the Summary Care Record. This will help their out of hours colleagues with prescribing.

DRSS open days for practice staff

Practice staff from across the county can attend Devon Referral Support Service (DRSS) open days to meet staff, see how referrals are processed, understand the choice conversation with patients and learn about commissioning policies and clinical referral guidelines. Read more in the latest [DRSS Bulletin](#).

Community Pharmacy guidance

The GPC has updated its joint guidance with the Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee (PSNC) about [Community Pharmacies](#). It is aimed at GPs and practice staff and gives more in-depth information about running a community pharmacy, the NHS Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework, funding and FAQs. Read more [here](#).