



## 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.

### **Referapatient – neurosurgery**

The LMC is aware of Derriford's new process for receiving urgent neurosurgical advice via an online portal. At the moment, this has not been agreed and is being reviewed by Devon Clinical Commissioning Group to establish that the information governance is secure. Please be assured that you can still obtain advice by telephone. The LMC will be meeting with the teams involved and will update you when we know more.

### **Deactivation of an implantable cardiac defibrillator on patients approaching end of life**

Dr Jane Aitken, a local Macmillan GP Facilitator, has developed some top tips for GPs on the deactivation of an implantable cardiac defibrillator on patients approaching end of life. Read more [here](#).

### **GDPR/Data protection networking**

If any GP practices are interested in networking in their local area or across their Primary Care Network (PCN) to discuss GDPR or Data Protection queries – where appropriate and where governance and data protection laws won't be compromised – please contact Bex Lovewell at [bex.lovewell@nhs.net](mailto:bex.lovewell@nhs.net)

This is not limited to practice managers and can be extremely useful for administrative or IT employees who are dealing with Subject Access Requests or implementing new systems.

### **Yellow Card locality reports for May**

The latest Yellow Card reports about secondary care issues flagged by GP practices in the [North](#), [South](#), [East](#) and [West](#) of Devon during May are now available.

### **Updated guidance – 2019/20 Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service**

Updated guidance about the 2019/20 Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service (DES) has been published and includes the practicalities of how to hold money in bank accounts within a PCN. The guidance is available [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.

### **Information, contacts and resources about drug and alcohol misuse**

EDP Drug and Alcohol Services produce regular newsletters for GPs with information, contacts and resources relating to patient drug and alcohol misuse. The latest editions are available [here](#).

### **Devon Training Hub (CEPN) newsletter out now**

The latest Devon Training Hub (CEPN) newsletter is now available and includes details of their annual conference on Friday, 5 July at Exeter Racecourse which will feature Roy Lilley, the national NHS writer, commentator and broadcaster. Read more [here](#).

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