



## 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.

### **Call to action for GP volunteers to get involved in a mentoring scheme for young doctors**

The LMC has received a disappointing response so far to our plea for GP volunteers to register as prospective mentors for young local doctors to help them develop and bed into the profession. More information about the scheme and how to get involved is available [here](#).

### **PCSE and patient records**

GP practices in Devon are asked to inform the LMC if they have been impacted by the Primary Care Support England (PCSE) issue involving 160,000 patient records incorrectly archived instead of being released and sent to the appropriate GP practice when the patient re-registered.

If local practices have received a large number of records and require additional resources to clinically review them then let us know at [admin@devonlmc.org](mailto:admin@devonlmc.org) and we will liaise with Devon Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS England on your behalf. The General Practitioners Committee (GPC) is pushing NHS England (NHSE) to deliver a comprehensive national support package for practices to access.

### **First Five Small Groups**

Meeting with colleagues to discuss life as a First Five GP entering the workforce has been shown to improve working lives and well-being. This is an opportunity to meet as a group, have the space and time to reflect, share experiences and learn from one another. Participation should also enable reflection on your practice, recognised as a key part of your CPD. Devon Training Hub (CEPN) and the GP Health Service will run a series of monthly facilitated peer support groups for newly qualified GPs for 12 months from September 2019. Each group will run for 90 minutes at a choice of locations, days and times. More information – including how to register your interest and the dates – will be shared by Devon Training Hub (CEPN) this week.

### **GDPF and PCN templates**

The General Practitioners Defence Fund (GDPF) will be publishing Primary Care Network (PCN) Schedule legal templates shortly which could save local practices money. The LMC will share the material when it is available. The GDPF has also published [guidance notes](#) on PCNs.

### **Webcast available from the BMA's PCN Clinical Directors Conference**

The webcast covers topics such as the Quality Outcomes Framework (QOF) and Quality Improvement (QI), strategic and clinical leadership and working with health partners. It is available [here](#).

### **What should GPs take into account when monitoring and managing patients on anticoagulant medicines?**

Professor Nigel Sparrow, Senior National GP Advisor and Responsible Officer at the Care Quality Commission, considers this in his latest [blog](#).

### **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.

### **Blog on latest GP workforce figures**

Dr Krishna Kasaraneni, GPC Executive, has blogged about the latest workforce figures which show a 1.5% drop in full time equivalent (FTE) GPs in the last 12 months. Read more [here](#).