



Weekly operational update for local general practice

Wednesday, 3 July

Welcome to Insight, Devon Local Medical Committee's weekly operational update for GPs and Practice Managers.

Yellow Card leg ulcer issues

There continues to be concern about the management of non-housebound patients with leg ulcers across Devon. The LMC maintains an ongoing leg ulcer dialogue with Devon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), allowing us to highlight problems with the service.

Following a recent discussion, we have agreed to provide specific examples of perceived shortfalls in the service and we would be grateful if you would use the Yellow Card system to provide us with patient specific, consented examples. This will provide powerful information to inform future negotiations with the CCG and in the longer term will help to shape the service. You can submit Yellow Cards [here](#).

Small funded projects and the role of the LMC

In the rapidly changing general practice landscape, Primary Care Networks (PCNs) may be approached and asked to deliver services by a number of different agencies. If you are concerned about the funding of a particular request please contact the LMC and we will be happy to offer advice using tools that are tried and tested in our formal negotiation setting.

LMC promoting careers in local general practice at the Peninsula Deanery Graduation Ceremony

Dr Paul Hynam, a Medical Secretary at the LMC, will be attending the Peninsula Deanery Graduation Ceremony next Wednesday to talk to ST3s finishing their specialist training in general practice about our role and work and to discuss local careers in the profession.

GP Mentoring Scheme

Thank you to the eight GPs who have expressed an interest in this scheme. We are keen to get around 30 to support the Next Generation GP programme and would be grateful if Devon GPs could give it very serious consideration. More details can be found [here](#).

Data Protection Bulletin now available

The latest local Data Protection Bulletin from Bex Lovewell includes information on the NHS App, subject access requests and data protection impact assessments. Read more [here](#).

Latest guidance on MHRA CAS Alerts

The Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) is contacting GP practices this week about the new way of registering with the MHRA so they can receive Central Alerting System (CAS) alerts directly. From 1 October, 2019, MHRA will send CAS alerts directly to GP practices taking over existing local patient safety CAS alert email cascade mechanisms currently in place. Practices will need to complete registration no later than 13 September. The MHRA email will contain more details for practices.

Items which should not routinely be prescribed in primary care

NHS England has updated its [guidance](#) on items which should not routinely be prescribed in primary care.



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Practice Managers Conference 2019 – venue confirmed

Our Practice Managers Conference will be held on Wednesday, 30 October, at the Mercure Exeter Rougemont Hotel. We are currently inviting expressions of interest – please email hannah.baxter@devonlmc.org. Further details will be released soon.

Practice manager job satisfaction survey

The annual practice manager job satisfaction survey is now open. [The survey](#) – run by First Practice Management – only takes five minutes to complete.