



## Weekly operational update for local general practice

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

### Indemnity and travel vaccinations

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has announced that from the end of July **chargeable** travel vaccinations will not be covered by the Clinical Negligence Scheme for General Practice (CNSGP). This is a small but significant change and practices must check their indemnity and ensure they have sufficient cover for this activity if they choose to continue to provide this for patients. Read more [here](#).

### Liability insurance for Clinical Directors of PCNs

The General Practitioners Committee (GPC) has confirmed that the CNSGP covers Primary Care Networks (PCN) work for Clinical Directors just as it covers their practice work in their position as a partner.

### Yellow Carding leg ulcer issues

As you will have seen in a recent operational bulletin, Dr Paul Hynam, a Medical Secretary at the LMC, is working with Devon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to resolve problems with the management of non-housebound leg ulcer patients. Following a recent discussion we plan to use Yellow Cards to gather patient specific evidence to inform a planned joint meeting of the LMC, the CCG and leg ulcer leads. This exercise is less relevant in South Devon and Torbay where patient management is in-house and part of the patient pathway optimisation (PPO), another of our high priority negotiation topics.

It is very important that the Yellow Cards submitted are consented and patient specific to provide the richest form of feedback. Concerns about the management of leg ulcer patients has been an issue for some years and this activity is an excellent opportunity to provide the information to shape the service.

If you are unsure of how to complete a Yellow Card, please contact the LMC and we will be happy to clarify the process for you.

### Fit for work ESA65B letter

The Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) has revised the ESA65B letter template, which is sent to GPs once an Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) claimant has been found fit for work following a Work Capability Assessment (WCA), to inform the GP of the WCA outcome and advise them that fit notes are no longer required for ESA purposes. The ESA65B was revised to further emphasise the clinical discretion of GPs to continue issuing fit notes in appropriate circumstances such as when an appeal against a DWP decision is being undertaken. A sample of the revised ESA65B letter is attached at the end of the short guide on the benefits system for GPs which can be found [here](#).

### HPV vaccine for boys

From 1 September this year the HPV vaccine will be offered to boys, in addition to girls, as part of the routine school aged schedule in England. More information from NHS England (NHSE) on the forthcoming expansion of the HPV programme is available [here](#).

### Latest local Data Protection Bulletin out now

The latest Data Protection Bulletin is now available and includes advice about redacting parts of medical records and access to children's medical records. Read more [here](#).