



Weekly operational update for local general practice

Thursday, 25 July

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

Support for local newly qualified GPs

Newly qualified GPs are invited to participate in the GP workforce initiative 'First Five Small Groups' which provides peer support. They will join up to 10 other newly qualified GPs to discuss their experiences entering the workforce. Each group will be overseen by an experienced facilitator.

The initiative is provided by Devon Training Hub and the GP Health Service. Expressions of interest should be made [here](#).

Locality Yellow Card reports - June 2019

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

Introduction to Safeguarding and Child Protection course

This free course – held at venues across Devon – is suitable for NHS staff and volunteers who work with children, young people, families and parents or carers in a position to identify signs of child abuse or neglect and who may then be asked to contribute to assessing, planning or intervening and reviewing the needs of the child and parenting capacity where there are safeguarding concerns. More information is available [here](#).

NHS campaigns

As part of the GP Contract agreement in England, practices are required to display six campaigns a year in their premises. The campaigns the General Practitioners Committee (GPC) has agreed with NHS England (NHSE) are: NHS 111, GP access, pharmacy advice, NHS App, keep antibiotics working and vaccinations. Practices will be sent a range of materials produced by NHSE which they can choose to use.

Indemnity and travel vaccinations

A reminder that 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](#).

Flu vaccines

NHSE has sent a letter to practices via its regional teams about the supply of flu vaccinations for 2019/20 stating that, due to a delay in the World Health Organisation (WHO) publishing its recommendations to manufacturers as to which strains should be included within flu vaccines for the upcoming year, there may be a changes to delivery schedules for QIV vaccines. Whilst manufacturers should inform practices if there are any changes to their delivery schedules, practices may wish to contact their supplier to confirm agreed delivery dates.

Administration of seasonal flu vaccination to health and social care staff

For 2019/20, health and social care organisations administering seasonal flu vaccination to staff (eg peer to peer vaccination in GP practices and nursing homes, etc) will no longer be covered by the Patient Group Direction (PGD). Settings and organisations offering employees seasonal flu vaccinations will need to use a written instruction for seasonal influenza vaccination that has been signed and authorised by an appropriate doctor.



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Once adopted and medically authorised the written instruction allows named registered nurses to administer the seasonal influenza vaccination to the organisation's staff, including as a peer to peer vaccinator. Immunisers must be trained and competent to work in accordance with the written instruction.

More information is available [here](#) – including a link to a written instruction template document and an FAQ document.

PGD document retention

Practices are reminded that the final authorised copy of a PGD should be kept for eight years after its expiry date if it relates to adults only (10 years if relates to an implant) and for 25 years after the expiry date of the PGD if it relates to children. More information is available [here](#).

Footnote in the DES Specification – Population Figure

NHSE have confirmed that, following a number of queries, the correct population figure to use for calculating payments to PCNs is that taken from NHAIS (Exeter) and not the figure published by NHS Digital (as proposed in the relevant footnotes of the Network Contract DES Specification). The Primary Medical Services (Directed Enhanced Services) Directions 2019 confirm that "CRP" means the Contractor Registered Population as defined in Annex A of the Statement of Financial Entitlements (SFE), with the SFE confirming that this is the number of patients as recorded in Exeter. This is the figure that should be used to determine the PCN's collective registered population. The Network Contract DES Specification will be corrected in 2020/21. NHSE apologise for any inconvenience this error has caused.

PHE measles flyer translated into 20 different languages

Public Health England (PHE) has produced new flyers with information and advice on the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine. They have been translated into 20 different languages. You can view and download them [here](#). English copies are available to order from the [DH health and Social care order line](#). The translated versions are download only.