



Weekly operational update for local general practice

Wednesday, 7 August

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

Practice Managers' Conference update

The agenda for the LMC's Practice Managers' Conference is taking shape and we can confirm that Andy Whittaker will be attending again with his unique brand of humour and personal development coaching. Joining him will be Oliver Pool talking about avoiding legal pitfalls with Primary Care Networks, Richard Hole with advice on maximising practice income, along with business, resilience and mindfulness coach Sheila Hobden. More speakers will be announced soon.

The full day event will take place on Wednesday, 30 October, at the Rougemount Hotel, in Exeter. Expressions of interest to attend should be emailed to hannah.baxter@devonlmc.org

More information – including the full agenda and how to register – will be communicated in due course.

Latest Locality Yellow Card reports

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

Support for local newly qualified GPs

Around 40 newly qualified local GPs have already signed up for the GP workforce initiative 'First Five Small Groups' which provides peer support – with places still available.

Small groups of newly qualified GPs will discuss their experiences entering the workforce, 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](#).

GP Mentoring Scheme

Thank you to those 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](#).

Urgent – Optimising Referrals LES 18/19 (component 2) data

A reminder that the LMC has been informed by Devon Referral Support Service (DRSS) that 39 practices across Devon have not returned their Optimising Referrals LES 18/19 (component 2) reports. Without this report the practice will not be paid for this LES. The deadline for return has already passed, but DRSS have extended the deadline to the end of August. There will not be a further extension. The LMC urges all practices to ensure they have emailed their reports to plannedcare.control@nhs.net. Failure to do so will result in loss of LES income.

National framework for healthcare professional ambulance responses

A new [national framework for ambulance responses to requests from health care professionals \(HCPs\)](#) has been published.

Infected Blood Inquiry leaflets

Public Health England has published [leaflets](#) for GPs and patients to help answer questions about the Infected Blood Inquiry, which is examining the circumstances in which patients treated by the NHS in the 1970s and 1980s may have received blood and/or blood products infected by HIV or Hepatitis C.



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There is no responsibility for GPs apart from authorising a blood test for people who are concerned they may be at risk – and onward referral if necessary. The records regarding who has had blood transfusions will be scanty so, in general, the General Practitioners Committee advice is that if the patient is concerned, then test.

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](#).

Emerade 500 microgram and 300 microgram adrenaline auto-injector devices supply issue

DHSC has been notified of a supply issue with Emerade 500 microgram and 300 microgram adrenaline auto-injector devices. More information is available [here](#).

New website for general practice nurses

Community nursing charity the Queen's Nursing Institute has launched a website for general practice nurses, which provides educational and clinical resources. You can find it [here](#).