



Weekly operational update for local general practice

Wednesday, 4 September

Welcome to Insight, Devon Local Medical Committee's operational update for GPs and practice managers.

New alcohol-related risk reduction scheme

You may have received details of a new Enhanced Service from Devon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) for an alcohol-related risk reduction scheme for 2019-2020. This has not been brought to the LMC's Negotiations Meeting for review and we would strongly recommend that you do not sign up to it until we have engaged with the CCG and it has been taken through the proper process.

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 the 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 to clarify the process for you.

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 August are now available.

Updated CQC myth-busters

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has updated five myth-busters for GP services, covering:

[Supporting carers in general practice](#)

[How and when we will access medical records on our inspections](#)

[Latest research and guidance on looking after homeless patients in general practice](#)

[Non-medical prescribers](#)

[Managing test results and clinical correspondence](#)

You can find all the CQC's myth-busters for general practice [here](#).

Registration onto the Medicine and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency Central Alerting System

The Medicine and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) Central Alerting System (CAS) is the national system for issuing patient safety alerts, important public health messages and other safety critical information to all providers, including GP practices. From 1 October 2019, MHRA will send CAS alerts directly to GP practices, replacing any local arrangements currently in place. All GP practices in England are contractually required to register to receive CAS alerts directly from the MHRA by [accessing this link to the portal](#).

Registration is recommended to be completed by 13 September, 2019, to allow sufficient time for registration checks and testing.