



## Weekly operational update for local general practice

Wednesday, 11 September

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

### Healthcare workers flu vaccination

As previously reported the national guidance for delivery of flu vaccines to frontline general practice staff has changed. Staff with pre-existing conditions should be encouraged to attend their own GP for vaccination. If you wish to vaccinate other staff members, this must be carried out as a Patient Specific Direction (PSD) which is not covered by the Clinical Negligence Scheme for General Practice (CNSGP) scheme. Practices who wish to carry out staff vaccination should check that their Medical Defence Organisation (MDO) covers this activity. Read more [here](#).

### New BMA support package for Primary Care Networks and Clinical Directors

The British Medical Association (BMA) will launch a new support package for Primary Care Networks (PCNs) and Clinical Directors (CDs) later this month.

It will include conferences, masterclasses, e-learning and webinars to support CDs' learning and development, one to one confidential career coaching, and a free new app where they can have discussions at a local, regional or national level. There will also be further HR, legal and insurance support offered to PCNs.

Full details – including how to register for the support – will be provided by the BMA in due course.

### PCN Tweet chat with Dr Nikki Kanani – 17 September

Dr Nikki Kanani, Medical Director for Primary Care for NHS England, will host another Tweet chat related to PCNs on Tuesday, 17 September, from 8pm. Join the live online discussion on Twitter and ask questions by using the hashtag #primarycarenetworks or by Tweeting Nikki directly at @NikkiKF

### PCC support for PCNs

Primary Care Commissioning (PCC) has just launched its offer to support PCNs around the country for each of the six key NHS England (NHSE) domains. Read more [here](#).

### Date confirmed for the LMC's Preparing for Partnership session

Following the success of the LMC's pilot Preparing for Partnership session we will be running a further one on Tuesday, 5 November, from 8:30am-1:30pm, at our HQ.

The session lasts half a day and is principally aimed at Registrars and GPs to prepare them for those aspects of partnership which are new or typically they will be unprepared for.

Led by one of the LMC's experienced Medical Secretaries, the session covers a broad range of topics including the differences between the various roles, running a business, financial aspects of partnership and the new GP contract. To book a place, email [SupportHub@devonlmc.org](mailto:SupportHub@devonlmc.org). Places are limited.

### The Primary Care (GP) Digital Services Operating Model 2019–21

[The Primary Care Digital Operating Model 2019–21](#) (previously known as the GP IT Operating Model) has been published. It covers the policies, standards and operating procedures that clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) are obliged to work to and support the provision of digital requirements under the GP contract.



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### Revised guidance for the Friends and Family Test

Revised guidance sets out the requirements of the NHS Friends and Family Test (FFT) and is effective from 1 April 2020. It replaces all previous implementation guidance for the patient focused FFT, including the guidance specifically relating to GPs and the supplementary guidance and advice published in relation to information governance, sensitive situations and contracting with a commercial supplier of FFT services. Read more [here](#).

### Falsified Medicines Directive

The General Practitioners Committee (GPC) guidance on the Falsified Medicines Directive (FMD) remains the same and you can read it [here](#). No change is likely until the UK's exit from the EU on 31 October. We would expect further guidance before then if a no deal exit is the outcome, which would mean the revocation of the requirements for FMD.

### BMA briefing paper on no-deal Brexit

The British Medical Association (BMA) has published a new briefing paper entitled [A health service on the brink: the dangers of a 'no deal' Brexit](#), which warns that the NHS faces the double whammy of the impact of a 'no deal' Brexit as well as coping with the expected winter crisis.

### General Practice Assistant Role – Health Education England resources

Health Education England (HHE) has published a suite of resources for practices interesting in employing a General Practice Assistant. Read more [here](#).

### GP workforce figures

The latest [GP workforce figures](#) have been published, which show: the number of fully qualified full-time equivalent (FTE) GPs was down 576 over the past year (-2%); in the last quarter, the number of FTE GPs had also fallen (in March, there were 28,697 GPs in England - a fall of 1.5% in three months); the number of FTE GP partners also decreased to 18,511 – down 5.3% from last year.

### Devon CCG AGM

Devon CCG is holding its annual general meeting (AGM) at Sandy Park conference centre in Exeter on Thursday, 19 September, from 5.30-7pm. As well as being welcome to attend in person, you can tune in via [Facebook](#).