



## Weekly operational update for local general practice

Wednesday, 25 September

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

### Direction to administer

Following a long process of detailed consideration and negotiations the LMC is very pleased to announce that it has reached agreement with the community nursing services in North and East Devon about medicines that need to be administered by community nursing staff. Read more [here](#).

### Conference motions

The LMC has submitted a number of motions for debate at the Conference of England LMCs – covering themes including home visits for out of area registered patients, fit notes, prescription medication administration record forms, the Improved Access Scheme, Primary Care Networks, IT, violent patients and data protection. A delegation from the LMC – including representatives from the three sub-committees and a practice manager – will be attending the event in London on Friday, 22 November, to represent the views of local general practice.

### Sign up for the LMC's Practice Managers Conference

You can now sign up for the LMC's Practice Managers Conference – which will be an opportunity to learn, network and be inspired and offer some 'head space' away from your hectic day to day work. The full-day event will take place on Wednesday, 30 October, 2019, at the Mercure Rougemont Hotel, in central Exeter. Practice managers – or equivalent – can register and obtain more information [here](#).

### Latest LMC newsletter now available

The latest LMC monthly newsletter includes updates on spirometry, the launch of the new LMC General Practice Leadership Hub and website, plus a lowdown on the Devon Training Hub. You can read it [here](#).

### Patient advocacy in Primary Care (duty to refer)

A reminder from Gillian Scoble, Primary Care Safeguarding Nurse at Devon Clinical Commissioning Group, that patients who lack mental capacity to make decisions about their treatment have a legal right to an advocate in certain circumstances. When this arises in primary practice, GPs have a legal duty under the Mental Capacity Act 2005 to refer for an independent mental capacity advocate (IMCA).

### Yellow Card Newsletter

Devon Clinical Commissioning Group's latest Yellow Card Round-up newsletter is now available. Read more [here](#).

### Latest local Data Protection Bulletin now available

The latest local Data Protection Bulletin includes updated advice about subject access requests from the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). Read more [here](#).

### GP investment report

NHS Digital has published the report [Investment in General Practice, 2014/15 to 2018/19, England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland](#) which shows a 1.4% increase on the previous year in investment in the service and represents just 8.1% of the NHS budget going to general practice – falling far short of the British Medical Association's (BMA) demand of 11%.