



Weekly operational update for local general practice

Wednesday, 23 October

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

Contract variations – update

Devon Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG) Primary Care Team is aware there have been a number of contract variations that have been issued recently from NHS England (NHSE) and the CCG. They understand and recognise this has been a complex process for some practices and will endeavour to streamline the process and continue to develop it going forward as part of taking on delegated commissioning responsibilities.

If there are any outstanding variations in relation to your core contract (previously commissioned by NHSE) please can these now be returned to the Primary Care Team at NHS Devon CCG, Pomona House, Oak View Close, Torquay, TQ2 7FF. Please note that all contract documentation has been passed across to the CCG as delegated commissioners.

Practice funding available for Summary Care Records

Funding is now available to practices to increase the number of patients who consent for their Additional Information to be included in their Summary Care Record (SCR). Practices will be paid £0.50 per additional patient consent recorded.

The work is part of a Devon-wide project that aims to increase the access to, and use of, primary care information in all care settings. More information is available in the CCG's latest [General Practice Bulletin](#).

Final chance to register for the Devon Practice Managers Conference

The deadline for practice managers – or equivalent – to register for the LMC's Practice Managers Conference has been extended until 5pm on Thursday, 24 October.

The event will be an opportunity to learn, network and be inspired and offer some 'head space' away from your hectic day to day work. It will take place on Wednesday, 30 October, 2019, at the Mercure Rougemont Hotel, in central Exeter. You can register and find out more information [here](#).

New LMC website and intranet

The LMC has launched a new website which includes information on our role and work to support general practice in the county – along with the latest job vacancies. You can view it here: www.devonlmc.co.uk

We are also carrying out a phased rollout of our new secure intranet for local GPs and practice managers and you will receive an email soon inviting you to register for access, if you haven't already.

The intranet includes new video updates from our Medical Secretaries on flu, Yellow Cards and the workings of the England LMC Conference where the views of local general practice can help shape national policy.

LMC Recruitment and Workforce Lead role

There's a fantastic opportunity to join the LMC in a newly-created key role supporting recruitment, workforce planning and training for Devon's general practice workforce. More information is available [here](#).

Transfer of clinical pharmacists to the PCN DES

NHS England (NHSE) has extended the deadline for clinical pharmacists employed under the Clinical Pharmacist in General Practice Scheme to transfer to working under the Primary Care Networks (PCN) DES until 30 November 2019. This is to allow people more time to finalise the arrangements where a transition has been, or was, in the process of being agreed. After this date, any clinical pharmacists who have not transitioned to



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work as part of the PCN workforce delivering the duties outlined in the Network Contract DES will no longer be eligible to do so and will be counted in the PCN staff baseline.

Making the most of appraisals

As practices work in Primary Care Networks (PCNs) managers will need to use all the tools at their disposal to develop a happy, high-performing workforce. Tracy Green, from Primary Care Commissioning (PCC), explains what makes a good appraisal and what practices can do to make the most of them in a new [podcast](#).

Safeguarding training update

Following concerns from the General Practitioners Committee (GPC) about the impact on practices of implementing safeguarding training guidelines, NHS England (NHSE) has confirmed that it does not set the training requirements for practice staff and that under GP contract arrangements it is for contractors to ensure that their staff are adequately trained to a level that keeps them and the public safe.

The GPC has updated its [practice training resource](#) to reflect Care Quality Commission (CQC) and NHSE expectations on safeguarding training.

Improving identification of people with a learning disability: guidance for general practice

NHS England (NHSE) has issued [guidance](#) to ensure that practices identify all those eligible for a learning disability health check and flu jab. The guidance includes advice about correct coding, so that practices may be remunerated for this work.

Locum guidance on pension annualisation

The British Medical Association (BMA) has sought clarity from the NHS Business Services Authority on annualising for sessional GPs who are members of the 2015 career average revalued earnings scheme. Locums who work out-of-hours can now be afforded a different pension status as part of the 2015 scheme. This will change how their pensions are annualised. Read more [here](#).

Publication of report into sexism and sexual harassment at the BMA

The British Medical Association (BMA) has [published](#) the report from the independent investigation into sexism and sexual harassment at the BMA. The report makes clear that women have experienced discrimination and poor behaviour in the association and it identifies a number of cultural issues that must be addressed. The BMA has again offered unreserved apologies to all of those who have been affected by these behaviours.

NHS APP Campaign

NHSX has launched an information campaign about the NHS App. The App provides 'a core and consistent digital offer from the NHS, in line with commitments set out in the NHS Long Term Plan.' NHSX has [created a toolkit of materials](#) to help NHS organisations promote the App to staff. If you have any feedback, please send it to appfeedback@nhs.net.