



Weekly operational update for local general practice

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

Access to Devon LMC's General Practice Leadership Hub – full rollout commencing 09/12/2019

Over the summer, we have been very busy creating a secure 'intranet' packed full of useful guidance and documentation for GPs, PMs, Nurses and members of your leadership team. One of our key objectives was to make our communications as close to real time as possible. Our Operational and Clinical Insight briefings are now 'rolling' so that important information and updates can be highlighted to our members in near real time. The Hub is host to our new Devon Primary Care Network (PCN) Resource, bringing you the latest information, guidance and resources on PCNs. Joining the suite of LMC communications this term is a 'PCN Hot Topics' briefing; its role – to keep you updated on local, regional and national developments. Long and Short-Term Reference Libraries have replaced the advice and guidance section of our old website; the PCN Library is a dedicated space for PCN guidance and documentation. These libraries have been created to ensure the information you require is quick to locate and easy to download.

Over the next 4 to 6 weeks we aim to have given everyone access to the Leadership Hub and all its resources. We will begin the process of on-boarding GPs next week. You will receive a link and set-up instructions via email. If you experience any difficulties accessing the Hub, please don't hesitate to contact the office. We hope you find our new intranet useful and informative – as always, we welcome feedback.

P.S Don't forget to look out for our new information videos!

Important Notice

From 1 February 2020 the LMC will stop sending communications as attachments via email; this includes our monthly Negotiations Summary and Newsletter, in addition to our weekly Operational Brief. These communications are available on our Hub and you will be automatically notified when any updates are made, thus getting important information to you more quickly.

Finally, we will be contacting practices directly over the next few weeks to confirm our new contact details. Our old admin inbox will be closed from 1 January 2020.

Updated MIG Information Sharing Agreement

The Medical Interoperability Gateway (MIG) Information Sharing Agreement (ISA) has had some minor revisions – updated to reference the Data Protection Act 2018 and to reflect the merger of the two clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) in Devon.

Most Devon GP practices allow access to their patient records via the MIG. The MIG provides an important read-only view of real-time patient information to Devon Doctors, Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust and Northern Devon Healthcare Trust. For more information, please contact geoff.rowlings@nhs.net

MIG data sharing now via the Commissioning Intelligence Website

GP practice opt-in to share data with the Medical Interoperability Gateway (MIG) is now fully managed via the [Commissioning Intelligence Website \(CIW\)](https://www.newdevonccg.nhs.uk/DevInfo/psc_login.asp) - https://www.newdevonccg.nhs.uk/DevInfo/psc_login.asp.

All GP practices across Devon are encouraged to log in to the CIW (Administration -> Data uses authorisation) review the revised agreement and check the opt in/out status to provide the best possible service for patients.

National award for local GP practice reception team

Congratulations to the Patient Care Advisor Team at Compass House Medical Centre, Brixham, who won Reception Team of the Year at the recent General Practice Awards in London.



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Transgender patients and passports

The Government has reminded GPs of the [procedure](#) around transgender patients requiring a letter for a new passport. Those with a valid British passport in their birth gender who wish to apply for a new one in an acquired gender simply need a letter from their doctor or medical consultant confirming their change of gender is likely to be permanent. Evidence of change of name – such as deed poll – is sufficient and a gender recognition certificate is not required.

Annualisation

The General Practitioners Committee (GPC) has confirmed that those freelance GP locums that carry out any out of hours work (or SOLO work) will be afforded type 2 medical practitioner status in respect of working for Out of hours (OOH) providers – in accordance with NHS Pension Scheme rules. As a result, this will lead to those GP locums having annualised income equal to actual pensionable income as they will be considered in the scheme 365 days of the year. This may then lead to a reduction in employee contribution rates for locums.

Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework – summary for general practice

The Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee (PSNC) – which represents community pharmacies, NHS England & NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) – has agreed a five-year deal for the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF), which provides the basis for NHS community pharmacy service provision.

The revised framework includes an expansion of clinical service delivery through pharmacies, in line with the NHS Long Term Plan. It guarantees funding levels until 2023/24 and sets out how pharmacies will support NHS colleagues, providing new services to help people to stay healthy and prevent illness; to support and provide urgent care services; to support patients leaving hospital; and to help patients avoid unnecessary visits to GPs and hospitals. It also encourages collaboration within Primary Care Networks (PCNs). You can read the PSNC summary for general practice [here](#).

The future of general practice: the views of GP trainees

The King's Fund – a national think tank – has surveyed GP trainees about their future career plans in general practice and the key findings include:

- 27 per cent of trainees intend to work full time in general practice one year after qualifying and only 5 per cent after 10 years (down from 31 per cent and 10 per cent in 2016).
- 41 per cent of respondents are considering GP partnership at 10 years, down from 45 per cent in 2016; the most common reasons for this are the financial implications (58 per cent) and the lack of training in business matters (47 per cent).

Read more [here](#).

Cartoon about vaccines

The European Academy for Allergy and Clinical Immunology (EAACI) has launched a [new cartoon](#) about vaccinations to inform the public about how they work, their benefits and to myth-bust 'risks'. Clinicians are encouraged to disseminate it via their networks.