



Weekly operational update for local general practice

Thursday, 13 February, 2020

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

Devon Local Medical Committee Elections

Lively, challenging voices, proactively engaged GPs, with ideas and thoughtful contributions are the backbone of a successful LMC. If you have ever felt that you are working in isolation, experience frustration when policies and processes are being decided around you and wish you were able to contribute to the debates and decision making, the opportunity to represent your colleagues on one of the LMC Sub Committees may be a role you should consider. Positions are available in the North, South, East and West localities.

All Devon's GPs currently on the Performers List should have received an email and supporting information yesterday inviting them to consider standing for election – or seek re-election – onto the LMC Sub Committee in their locality and outlining details of the process. If you haven't received the material please contact helen.west@devonlmc.org

General Practitioners Committee Roadshow in Devon – register now

The General Practitioners Committee (GPC) will hold a Roadshow in Devon next month outlining the reformed GP contract.

The event will take place at Exeter Racecourse on Monday, 23 March, from 7-9pm, with Dr Mark Sanford-Wood, Deputy Chair of GPC England, presenting. There will be opportunities to ask questions. The agenda will be circulated shortly.

GPs and Practice Managers are asked to confirm their attendance to richard.turner@devonlmc.org by noon on Wednesday, 4 March, for logistical reasons – places are available on a first come first served basis as we are expecting a large turnout. More information about the GP Contract Agreement is available [here](#).

New general practice alert status

The LMC has issued a media release about its innovative new alert status highlighting the pressure on general practice in Devon which has been followed up by ITV Westcountry, the Western Morning News, the [North Devon Gazette](#), the Midweek Herald, the Exmouth Journal, [Pulse, Healthcare Leader](#) and [Management in Practice](#) – and has also attracted lots of interest on social media.

Election of CCG Locality Clinic Representatives

The LMC is running an election process on behalf of Devon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) for CCG Locality Clinic Representatives in the North, East and West. The LMC issued a communication to GPs this afternoon about the affirmation phase. If you haven't received the material, request a copy via email to: richard.turner@devonlmc.org

Qfit test results

A practice in South Devon recently found that they were not receiving the electronic results of Qfit tests for their patients from the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital (RDE). It may be worthwhile checking that your practice is receiving these electronic results. In the case in South Devon, it was an error in the trading partner email details, that has now been resolved.



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Commitment to Carers' Fund 2020

Expressions of interest are sought from Devon's GP practices for short-term funding to help them meet the challenges of the NHS Long Term Plan for unpaid carers. NHS Devon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has obtained funding from NHS England (NHSE) to help GP practices in Devon to support their patients who are carers. Read more [here](#).

Update on Devon's Public Health Nursing Service

The latest update from Public Health Nursing (PHN) includes information on improving engagement with GP practices, innovative new services and useful contact details. Read more [here](#).

Local job and career fairs

Proud to Care are hosting four healthcare job and career fairs across Devon during March 2020.

Stands are available for interested providers to meet with potential candidates and younger people looking at careers in health and care. If you are interested in having a stand at one, or all, of the events please contact proudtocare@devon.gov.uk

There will be representation at these events from general practice, NHS Trusts, social enterprise, local authorities, Devon Training Hub, NHS Devon, the LMC and the private, voluntary and independent care sector. More information about the events – including times and locations – is available [here](#).