Care Quality Commission

Inspection Evidence Table

The Lakes Medical Practice (1-568011290)

Inspection date: 12 July 2018

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Please note: Any Quality Outcomes Framework (QOF) data relates to 2016/17.

Safe

Safety systems and processes

Safeguarding	Y/N
There was a lead member of staff for safeguarding processes and procedures.	Yes
Safety and safeguarding systems, processes and practices were developed, implemented and communicated to staff.	Yes
Policies were in place covering adult and child safeguarding.	Yes
Policies were updated and reviewed and accessible to all staff.	Yes
Partners and staff were trained to appropriate levels for their role (for example level three for GPs, including locum GPs)	No
Information about patients at risk was shared with other agencies in a timely way.	Yes
Systems were in place to highlight vulnerable patients on record. There was a risk register of specific patients	Yes
Disclosure and Barring Service checks were undertaken where required	Yes
Explanation of any 'No' answers:	

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The safeguarding policy had been updated so it now named the lead member of staff for safeguarding.

The lead member of staff was not up to date with safeguarding children level three training, but we saw evidence to show that they were booked onto a course to complete this.

Recruitment Systems	Y/N
Recruitment checks were carried out in accordance with regulations (including for agency staff and locums).	Yes
Staff vaccination was maintained in line with current Public Health England (PHE) guidance and if relevant to role.	Yes
Systems were in place to ensure the registration of clinical staff (including nurses and pharmacists) was checked and regularly monitored.	No
Staff who require medical indemnity insurance had it in place	Yes

Explanation of any answers:

Recruitment records were kept for each member of staff but there was no evidence that GMC registration of staff members had been checked and regularly monitored, although we were told this check was performed.

Safety Records	Y/N
There was a record of portable appliance testing or visual inspection by a competent person Date of last inspection/Test:	January 2018
There was a record of equipment calibration Date of last calibration:	October 2017
Risk assessments were in place for any storage of hazardous substances e.g. liquid nitrogen, storage of chemicals	No
Fire procedure in place	Yes
Fire extinguisher checks	Yes
Fire drills and logs	Yes
Fire alarm checks	Yes
Fire training for staff	Yes
Fire marshals	Yes
Fire risk assessment Date of completion	No
Actions were identified and completed.	N/A
Health and safety	
Premises/security risk assessment? Date of last assessment:	Yes 1/06/2018
Health and safety risk assessment and actions Date of last assessment:	Yes 1/06/2018
Additional comments:	•

Additional comments:

The practice had identified the need to buy a fire blanket for the staff kitchen which had been actioned.

Infection control	Y/N
Risk assessment and policy in place	Yes
Date of last infection control audit:	4 Oct 2017
The practice acted on any issues identified	Yes
Detail: Actions were taken to ensure compliance with legionella responsibilities.	
The arrangements for managing waste and clinical specimens kept people safe?	Yes

Risks to patients

Question	Y/N
There was an effective approach to managing staff absences and busy periods.	Yes
Comprehensive risk assessments were carried out for patients.	Yes
Risk management plans were developed in line with national guidance.	Yes
Staff knew how to respond to emergency situations.	Yes
Receptionists were aware of actions to take if they encountered a deteriorating or acutely unwell patient and had been given guidance on identifying such patients.	Yes
In addition, there was a process in the practice for urgent clinician review of such patients.	Yes
Sedsis.	Yes
There were systems in place to enable the assessment of patients with presumed sepsis in line with National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidance.	Yes

Information to deliver safe care and treatment

Question	Y/N
Individual care records, including clinical data, were written and managed in line with current guidance and relevant legislation.	Yes
Referral letters contained specific information to allow appropriate and timely referrals.	Yes
·	Yes
The practice had a documented approach to the management of test results and this was managed in a timely manner.	Yes
The practice demonstrated that when patients use multiple services, all the information needed for their ongoing care was shared appropriately and in line with relevant protocols.	Yes

Appropriate and safe use of medicines

Indicator	Practice	CCG average	England average	England comparison
Number of antibacterial prescription items prescribed per Specific Therapeutic group Age-sex Related Prescribing Unit (STAR PU).(01/07/2016 to 30/06/2017)(NHS Business Service Authority - NHSBSA)	1.30	1.14	0.98	Comparable to other practices
Percentage of antibiotic items prescribed that are Co-Amoxiclav, Cephalosporins or Quinolones.(01/07/2016 to 30/06/2017) (NHSBSA)	9.0%	9.8%	8.9%	Comparable to other practices

Medicines Management	Y/N
The practice had a process and clear audit trail for the management of information about changes to a patient's medicines including changes made by other services.	Yes
Staff had the appropriate authorisations in place to administer medicines (including Patient Group Directions or Patient Specific Directions).	Yes
Prescriptions (pads and computer prescription paper) were kept securely and monitored.	Yes
There was a process for the management of medicines including high risk medicines (for example, warfarin, methotrexate and lithium) with appropriate monitoring and clinical review prior to prescribing.	Yes
Up to date local prescribing guidelines were in use.	Yes
Clinical staff were able to access a local microbiologist for advice.	Yes
The practice held appropriate emergency medicines and risk assessments were in place to determine the range of medicines held.	Yes
The practice had arrangements to monitor the stock levels and expiry dates of emergency medicines/medical gases.	yes
There was medical oxygen on site.	Yes
The practice had a defibrillator.	Yes
Both were checked regularly and this was recorded.	Yes
Medicines that required refrigeration were appropriately stored, monitored and transported in line with PHE guidance to ensure they remained safe and effective in use.	Yes

Track record on safety and lessons learned and improvements made

Significant events	Y/N
There was a system for recording and acting on significant events	Yes
Staff understood how to report incidents both internally and externally	Yes
There was evidence of learning and dissemination of information	Yes
Number of events recorded in last 12 months.	Nine

Number of events that required action	Nine	
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Example(s) of significant events recorded and actions by the practice;

Event	Specific action taken
Vaccines fridge had gone outside of	The practice took the correct action to ensure vaccines were
valid temperature range.	safe.

Safety Alerts	Y/N
There was a system for recording and acting on safety alerts	Yes
Staff understand how to deal with alerts	Yes
Comments on systems in place:	

Comments on systems in place:

The practice logged all alerts that came in and documented any searches that were performed. Any action that needed to be taken was documented within the log.

Effective

Effective needs assessment, care and treatment

Prescribing				
Indicator	Practice performance	CCG average	England average	England comparison
Average daily quantity of Hypnotics prescribed per Specific Therapeutic group Age-sex Related Prescribing Unit (STAR PU). (01/07/2016 to 30/06/2017) (NHSBSA)	0.58	0.92	0.90	Comparable to other practices

People with long-term conditions

Diabetes Indicators				
Indicator	Practice performance	CCG average	England average	England comparison
The percentage of patients with diabetes, on the register, in whom the last IFCC-HbA1c is 64 mmol/mol or less in the preceding 12 months (01/04/2016 to 31/03/2017) (QOF)	76.5%	79.6%	79.5%	Comparable to other practices
QOF Exceptions	Practice Exception rate (number of exceptions)	CCG Exception rate	England Exception rate	
	7.3% (37)	11.7%	12.4%	
Indicator	Practice performance	CCG average	England average	England comparison
The percentage of patients with diabetes, on the register, in whom the last blood pressure reading (measured in the preceding 12 months) is 140/80 mmHg or less (01/04/2016 to 31/03/2017) (QOF)	68.0%	80.9%	78.1%	Comparable to other practices
QOF Exceptions	Practice Exception rate (number of exceptions)	CCG Exception rate	England Exception rate	
	7.3% (37)	8.4%	9.3%	
Indicator	Practice performance	CCG average	England average	England comparison
The percentage of patients with diabetes, on the register, whose last measured total cholesterol (measured within the preceding 12 months) is 5 mmol/l or less (01/04/2016 to 31/03/2017) (QOF)	71.0%	79.1%	80.1%	Comparable to other practices

QOF Exceptions	Practice Exception rate (number of exceptions)	CCG Exception rate	England Exception rate	
	11.5% (58	12.6%	13.3%	

Other long term conditions				
Indicator	Practice	CCG average	England average	England comparison
The percentage of patients with asthma, on the register, who have had an asthma review in the preceding 12 months that includes an assessment of asthma control using the 3 RCP questions. (01/04/2016 to 31/03/2017) (QOF)	36.4%	74.3%	76.4%	Significant Variation (negative)
QOF Exceptions	Practice Exception rate (number of exceptions)	CCG Exception rate	England Exception rate	
	7.9% (48)	10.9%	7.7%	
Indicator	Practice	CCG average	England average	England comparison
The percentage of patients with COPD who had a review undertaken including an assessment of breathlessness using the Medical Research Council dyspnoea scale in the preceding 12 months (01/04/2016 to 31/03/2017) (QOF)	58.1%	86.2%	90.4%	Significant Variation (negative)
QOF Exceptions	Practice Exception rate (number of exceptions)	CCG Exception rate	England Exception rate	
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	7.5% (12)	11.4%	11.4%	
Indicator	7.5% (12) Practice	11.4% CCG average	11.4% England average	England comparison
The percentage of patients with hypertension in whom the last blood pressure reading (measured in the preceding 12 months) is 150/90 mmHg or less (01/04/2016 to 31/03/2017)		CCG	England	_
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The percentage of patients with hypertension in whom the last blood pressure reading (measured in the preceding 12 months) is 150/90 mmHg or less (01/04/2016 to 31/03/2017) (QOF) QOF Exceptions Indicator In those patients with atrial fibrillation with a record of a CHA2DS2-VASc score of 2 or more, the percentage of patients who are currently treated with anti-coagulation drug therapy.	Practice 73.5% Practice Exception rate (number of exceptions) 2.9% (43) Practice	CCG average 85.0% CCG Exception rate 4.8% CCG average	England average 83.4% England Exception rate 4.0% England average	Comparison Variation (negative) England comparison Comparable to

Any additional evidence or comments

Unverified data for 2017/2018 had shown the practice had made some improvements. The asthma review indicator was at 49% and the COPD review indicator was at 63%.

Families, children and young people

Child Immunisation				
Indicator	Numerator	Denominator	Practice %	Comparison to WHO target
Percentage of children aged 1 with completed primary course of 5:1 vaccine. (01/04/2016 to 31/03/2017) (NHS England)	170	175	97.1%	Met 95% WHO based target Significant Variation (positive)
The percentage children aged 2 who have received their booster immunisation for Pneumococcal infection (i.e. received Pneumococcal booster) (PCV booster) (01/04/2016 to 31/03/2017) (NHS England)	130	132	98.5%	Met 95% WHO based target Significant Variation (positive)
The percentage of children aged 2 who have received their immunisation for Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib) and Meningitis C (MenC) (i.e. received Hib/MenC booster) (01/04/2016 to 31/03/2017) (NHS England)	130	132	98.5%	Met 95% WHO based target Significant Variation (positive)
The percentage of children aged 2 who have received immunisation for measles, mumps and rubella (first dose of MMR) (01/04/2016 to 31/03/2017) (NHS England)	130	132	98.5%	Met 95% WHO based target Significant Variation (positive)

Working age people (including those recently retired and students)

Cancer Indicators				
Indicator	Practice	CCG average	England average	England comparison
The percentage of women eligible for cervical cancer screening who were screened adequately within 3.5 years for women aged 25 to 49, and within 5.5 years for women aged 50 to 64 (01/04/2016 to 31/03/2017) (Public Health England)	72.7%	68.2%	72.1%	Comparable to other practices
Females, 50-70, screened for breast cancer in last 36 months (3 year coverage, %) (PHE)	69.3%	63.4%	70.3%	N/A
Persons, 60-69, screened for bowel cancer in last 30 months (2.5 year coverage, %) _(PHE)	64.3%	52.0%	54.5%	N/A
The percentage of patients with cancer, diagnosed within the preceding 15 months, who have a patient review recorded as occurring within 6 months of the date of diagnosis. (PHE)	53.3%	75.1%	71.2%	N/A
Number of new cancer cases treated (Detection rate: % of which resulted from a two week wait (TWW) referral) (01/04/2016 to 31/03/2017) (PHE)	39.5%	43.4%	51.6%	Comparable to other practices

People experiencing poor mental health (including people with dementia)

Mental Health Indicators				
Indicator	Practice	CCG average	England average	England comparison
The percentage of patients with schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder and other psychoses who have a comprehensive, agreed care plan documented in the record, in the preceding 12 months (01/04/2016 to 31/03/2017) (QOF)	90.1%	88.2%	90.3%	Comparable to other practices
QOF Exceptions	Practice Exception rate (number of exceptions) 11.3% (9)	CCG Exception rate	England Exception rate	
Indicator	Practice	CCG average	England average	England comparison
The percentage of patients with schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder and other psychoses whose alcohol consumption has been recorded in the preceding 12 months (01/04/2016 to 31/03/2017) (QOF)	80.5%	90.4%	90.7%	Comparable to other practices
QOF Exceptions	Practice Exception rate (number of exceptions)	CCG Exception rate	England Exception rate	
	3.8% (3)	9.5%	10.3%	
Indicator	Practice	CCG average	England average	England comparison
The percentage of patients diagnosed with dementia whose care plan has been reviewed in a face-to-face review in the preceding 12 months (01/04/2016 to 31/03/2017) (QOF)	100.0%	89.1%	83.7%	Significant Variation (positive)
QOF Exceptions	Practice Exception rate (number of exceptions)	CCG Exception rate	England Exception rate	
	0 (0)	5.6%	6.8%	

Monitoring care and treatment

Indicator	Practice	CCG average	England average
Overall QOF score (out of maximum 559)	475	511	539
Overall QOF exception reporting	4.4%	4.9%	5.7%

Coordinating care and treatment

Indicator	Y/N
The contractor has regular (at least 3 monthly) multidisciplinary case review meetings where all patients on the palliative care register are discussed (01/04/2016 to 31/03/2017) (QOF)	Yes

Helping patients to live healthier lives

Indicator	Practice	CCG average	England average	England comparison
The percentage of patients with physical and/or mental health conditions whose notes record smoking status in the preceding 12 months (01/04/2016 to 31/03/2017) (QOF)	92.5%	94.1%	95.3%	Comparable to other practices
QOF Exceptions	Practice Exception rate (number of exceptions)	CCG Exception rate	England Exception rate	
	0.4% (8)	1.0%	0.8%	

Consent to care and treatment

Description of how the practice monitors that consent is sought appropriately

- Consent was documented within patient records.
- Staff were aware of the principles of the mental capacity act.

Caring

Kindness, respect and compassion

CQC comments cards	
Total comments cards received	26
Number of CQC comments received which were positive about the service	18
Number of comments cards received which were mixed about the service	1
Number of CQC comments received which were negative about the service	7

Examples of feedback received:

Source	Feedback
Comment cards	Some patients said they were not happy with the service that was provided. This was particularly around getting an appointment, getting through to the surgery on the telephone, and some patients said they did not like the attitude of reception staff. Other patients said they were happy with the service and found the staff to be caring.

National GP Survey results

Practice population size	Surveys sent out	Surveys returned	Survey Response rate%	% of practice population
9,528	313	110	35.14%	1%

Indicator	Practice	CCG average	England average	England comparison
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who stated that they would definitely or probably recommend their GP surgery to someone who has just moved to the local area (01/01/2017 to 31/03/2017)	75.0%	77.2%	78.9%	Comparable to other practices
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who stated that the last time they saw or spoke to a GP, the GP was good or very good at listening to them (01/01/2017 to 31/03/2017)	89.3%	88.4%	88.8%	Comparable to other practices
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who answered positively to question 22 "Did you have confidence and trust in the GP you saw or spoke to?" (01/01/2017 to 31/03/2017)	93.8%	94.3%	95.5%	Comparable to other practices
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who stated that the last time they saw or spoke to a GP, the GP was good or very good at treating them with care and concern (01/01/2017 to 31/03/2017)	85.6%	85.0%	85.5%	Comparable to other practices
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who stated that the last time they saw or spoke to a nurse, the nurse was good or very good at listening to them (01/01/2017 to 31/03/2017)	87.6%	92.2%	91.4%	Comparable to other practices
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who stated that the last time they saw or spoke to a nurse, the nurse was good or very good at treating them with care and concern (01/01/2017 to 31/03/2017)	90.0%	91.0%	90.7%	Comparable to other practices

Question	Y/N
The practice carries out its own patient survey/patient feedback exercises.	No

Involvement in decisions about care and treatment

Examples of feedback received:

Source	Feedback
	We spoke with four patients who all told that the practice staff were caring and respectful.

National GP Survey results

Indicator	Practice	CCG average	England average	England comparison
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who stated that the last time they saw or spoke to a GP, the GP was good or very good at explaining tests and treatments (01/01/2017 to 31/03/2017)	76.7%	85.5%	86.4%	Comparable to other practices
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who stated that the last time they saw or spoke to a GP, the GP was good or very good at involving them in decisions about their care (01/01/2017 to 31/03/2017)	75.3%	81.8%	82.0%	Comparable to other practices
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who stated that the last time they saw or spoke to a nurse, the nurse was good or very good at explaining tests and treatments (01/01/2017 to 31/03/2017)	84.6%	89.7%	89.9%	Comparable to other practices
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who stated that the last time they saw or spoke to a nurse, the nurse was good or very good at involving them in decisions about their care (01/01/2017 to 31/03/2017)	79.5%	86.2%	85.4%	Comparable to other practices

Question	Y/N
Interpretation services were available for patients who did not have English as a first language.	Yes
Patient information leaflets and notices were available in the patient waiting area which told patients how to access support groups and organisations.	
Information leaflets were available in easy read format.	
Information about support groups was available on the practice website.	

Carers	Narrative
Percentage and number of carers identified	193 patients identified as carers (2% of the practice population)
How the practice supports carers	A carers champion was in place who could direct patients to any support that was available. Health checks and flu vaccinations were offered.
How the practice supports recently bereaved patients	Support and advice was offered to bereaved patients.

Privacy and dignity

Question	Y/N
Curtains were provided in consulting rooms to maintain patients' privacy and dignity during examinations, investigations and treatments.	Yes

	Narrative
Arrangements to ensure confidentiality at the reception desk	A private room was available for patients wanting to discuss sensitive matters.
	Receptionists were aware to talk discreetly to patients when at the reception desk.

Question	Y/N
Consultation and treatment room doors were closed during consultations.	Yes
A private room was available if patients were distressed or wanted to discuss sensitive issues.	Yes

Responsive

Responding to and meeting people's needs

Practice Opening Times		
Day	Time	
Monday	8am-7.30pm	
Tuesday	8am-6.30pm	
Wednesday	8am-6.30pm	
Thursday	8am-7.30pm	
Friday	8.am-6.30pm	

Extended hours opening	
Monday and Thursday	6.30pm-7.30pm

Home visits	Y/N
The practice had a system to assess whether a home visit was clinically necessary and the urgency of the need for medical attention	Yes
If yes, describe how this was done	
The doctor would triage patients requesting a home visit and decide if this was clinic	ally appropriate.

Timely access to the service

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Indicator	Practice	CCG average	England average	England comparison
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who were 'Very satisfied' or 'Fairly satisfied' with their GP practices opening hours. (01/01/2017 to 31/03/2017)	89.6%	81.6%	80.0%	Comparable to other practices
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who gave a positive answer to "Generally, how easy is it to get through to someone at your GP surgery on the phone?" (01/01/2017 to 31/03/2017)	43.8%	70.1%	70.9%	Comparable to other practices
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who stated that the last time they wanted to see or speak to a GP or nurse from their GP surgery they were able to get an appointment (01/01/2017 to 31/03/2017)	56.6%	72.2%	75.5%	Comparable to other practices
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who responded positively to the overall experience of making an appointment (01/01/2017 to 31/03/2017)	61.1%	70.6%	72.7%	Comparable to other practices

Any additional evidence or comments

The practice had recently installed an automated self-service check in desk. The practice was aiming to involve the newly appointed PPG for suggestions on how to improve access to the service.

Listening and learning from complaints received

Complaints	Y/N
Number of complaints received in the last year.	16
Number of complaints we examined	3
Number of complaints we examined that were satisfactorily handled in a timely way	3
Number of complaints referred to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman	0

Additional comments:

A log of verbal complaints was in place which would be used to trend any issues that patients have.

Example of how quality has improved in response to complaints

In two complaints, we saw that these were acknowledged and the complainant was responded to and dealt with appropriately.

Well-led

Leadership capacity and capability

Examples of how leadership, capacity and capability were demonstrated by the practice

- Partners held lead roles and staff knew who to go to if they had a concern. There were lead roles for relationship management and engagement, such as the neighbourhood group, as well as clinical and administrative functions. This information was displayed around the practice.
- There was a clear organisational structure and information cascade.
- The practice had implemented an action plan to make improvements. Leaders and the management were aware of most areas of risk.

Vision and strategy

Practice Vision and values

• The practice had begun to implement their vision and values. Staff members were aware of this.

Culture

Examples that demonstrate that the practice has a culture of high-quality sustainable care

- There were good examples of working with other healthcare professionals and organisations, such as regular multi-disciplinary group meetings.
- The practice worked with other practices in the locality in the Neighbourhood Meeting.

Examples of feedback from staff or other evidence about working at the practice

Source	Feedback
Staff comment	Staff told us they felt supported and that there had been improvements in
card	communication.
Appraisals and	A freedom to speak guardian was in place in case staff would prefer not to
freedom to speak	discuss issues with the practice manager.
guardian	

Any additional evidence

The practice had comment cards for staff members to complete for any feedback that staff would like to leave anonymously.

Governance arrangements

Examples of structures, processes and systems in place to support the delivery of good quality and sustainable care.		
Practice specific policies There was a suite of policies and all staff knew how to access them.		
Other examples	Spreadsheet of all alerts and actions taken to mitigate risks.	
		Y/N
Staff were able to describe the governance arrangements Yes		Yes
Staff were clear on their roles and responsibilities Yes		Yes

Managing risks, issues and performance

Major incident planning	Y/N
Major incident plan in place	Yes
Staff trained in preparation for major incident	Yes

Examples of actions taken to address risks identified within the practice

Risk	Example of risk management activities
Risks to staff	Panic buttons available for staff to alert colleagues of any emergencies.
Risk monitoring for high risk medications.	The system had recently been updated so that template for the clinicians to complete is now in place for methotrexate.
Human Resources processes	Records detailing recruitment checks, training, immunisations, professional indemnity cover were seen. But the records did not document that professional registration checks were regularly updated, such as GMC registration.

Appropriate and accurate information

Question	Y/N
Staff whose responsibilities include making statutory notifications understood what this entails.	Yes

Engagement with patients, the public, staff and external partners

Feedback from Patient Participation Group;

Feedback

A new PPG had recently been formed. Two meetings had taken place to discuss the best way for the PPG to move forward. The practice informed us that more patients needed to be recruited and patients need to be representative of the population.

Continuous improvement and innovation

Examples of improvements demonstrated as a result of clinical audits in past two years

Audit area	Improvement
Rivaroxaban Use	Single cycle audit that identified some patients on the drug unnecessarily.
Urinary Tract Infection	Single cycle audit that identified symptom assessment from the patient records was not possible due to unclear documentation. This audit recommended clear documentation of symptoms and severity plus dipstick results if one was performed.

Notes: CQC GP Insight

GP Insight assesses a practice's data against all the other practices in England. We assess relative performance for the majority of indicators using a z-score, a statistical tool which shows the deviation from the England average. It gives us a statistical measurement of a practice's performance in relation to the England average, and measures this in standard deviations. We calculate a z-score for each indicator, thereby highlighting the practices which significantly vary from the England average (in either a positive or negative direction). We consider that z-scores which are +2 or more or -2 or less are at significant levels, warranting further enquiry.

N.B. Not all indicators are part of the GP insight set and those that aren't will not have a variation band.

The following language is used for banding variation:

- Significant variation (positive)
- Variation (positive)
- Comparable to other practices
- Variation (negative)
- Significant variation (negative)

Note: for the following indicators the variation bands are different:

Child Immunisation indicators. These are scored against the World Health Organisation target of 95%.

It is important to note that z-scores are not a judgement in themselves, but will prompt further enquiry, as part of our ongoing monitoring of GP practices.

Guidance and Frequently Asked Questions on GP Insight can be found on the following link: http://www.cqc.org.uk/what-we-do/how-we-use-information/monitoring-qp-practices

Glossary of terms used in the data.

- COPD: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
- PHE: Public Health England
- QOF: Quality and Outcomes Framework (see https://qof.digital.nhs.uk/).
- RCP: Royal College of Physicians.
- STAR-PU: Specific Therapeutic Group Age-sex weightings Related Prescribing Units. These weighting allow more accurate and meaningful comparisons within a specific therapeutic group by taking into account the types of people who will be receiving that treatment. (See NHS Choices for more details).