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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### GPC Poll of the Profession

**EXTRAORDINARY MEETING FOR ALL GENERAL PRACTITIONERS,  
PRACTICE PARTNERS AND PRACTICE MANAGERS FOR  
DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION AND OPINION GATHERING**

**11<sup>th</sup> February 2008**

2 SESSIONS – 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm & 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Sandy Park Conference Centre

Exeter Suite, Junction 29 of M5, Exeter

The meeting will include an initial presentation on the current situation which will then be followed by questions and statements from the floor to a panel of GPC members and LMC Chairmen.

As you are aware, the GPC has been involved in negotiations with the DH, however the Government has intervened at the eleventh hour with an alternative offer under the threat of imposition of a worse deal in the event that this is rejected. The BMA will be polling all GPs to gather opinion as to whether to accept or reject the Government's offer. This poll will be concluded by the end of February and we ask that you delay completing it until after this meeting.

The LMC invites all GPs (Principal and Sessional), Non GP Partners of practices and Practice Managers to attend one of these sessions so that the full implications of this matter can be discussed and the LMC and GPC can understand grass root opinion.

With the attendance of Devon's GPC Representatives and, we hope, a GPC Negotiator at these sessions, it is your chance to influence the GPC. During this period it is important to remember that negotiations continue between the GPC and the DH – we can give our views and impact on those negotiations.

The meeting is being held at Sandy Park Conference Centre because it is central to the whole of the county and it is the biggest venue available at such short notice. However, the venue can only hold 480 seated with some standing room, therefore please inform the office who will be attending which meeting – first come, first served. Please stagger attendance at both meetings from your surgeries so that as many of you as possible come to the meetings whilst maintaining patient care. You may wish to run surgeries at different times to your usual pattern.

Please note this is a closed meeting without PCO managers in attendance and it will not be sponsored by any outside body. There will be NO refreshments.

## Booking process

Space is limited at each presentation. We request Practice Managers to organise their practices into who will be attending which session and notify us by email at - [janice@devonlmc.org](mailto:janice@devonlmc.org)

We may have to amend some attendances especially if you are late in applying.

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## Background Information

A new dedicated page has been produced on the LMC web site which contains the background information - [www.devonlmc.info/33](http://www.devonlmc.info/33) - The page will be updated on a regular basis as the situation develops, currently the following documents are available.

- The first letter from Dr Laurence Buckman, Chairman, General Practitioners Committee to the profession - GP GMS contract negotiations update - 20 Dec '07
- The GPC released further details of the imposition - 21 Dec '07
- The second letter from Dr Laurence Buckman, Chairman, General Practitioners Committee to GPs on GP GMS contract negotiations update - 8 Jan 08
- GPC PowerPoint slideshow - The GP Contract: The Road To Here And Beyond.

The GPC produced a draft poster/newsletter for display in the practices. We have amended the poster to reflect the current local situation. Three versions have been produced one for each PCO area and copies are available to download.

Practices have been updating their websites to reflect the current situation, a good example is the Wells City Practice, Somerset – see <http://tinyurl.com/353fst>

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## Devon Voice

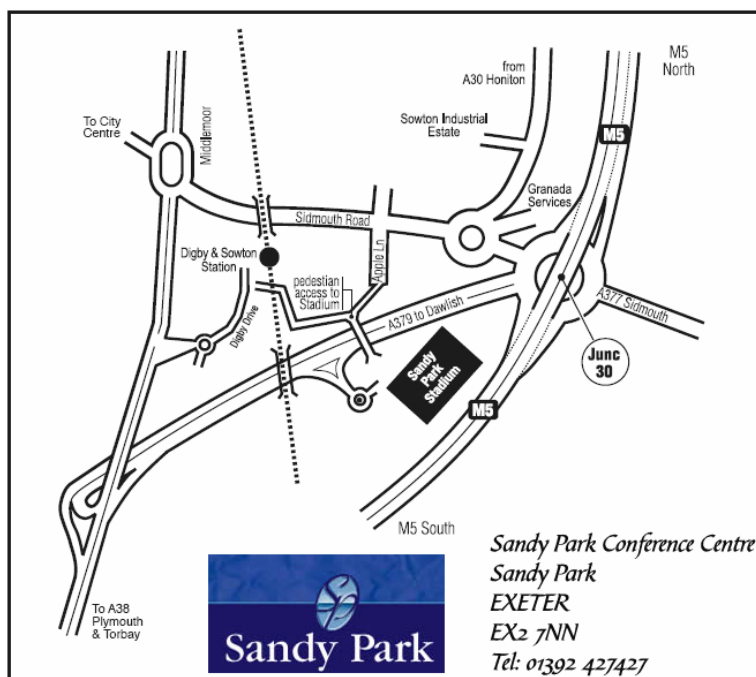
Further discussion has been taking place on Devon Voice, if you are yet to register, please follow the link from [www.devonlmc.org](http://www.devonlmc.org). If you are having any trouble with the system, please contact John at the office or email [john@devonlmc.org](mailto:john@devonlmc.org).

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## What else is happening around the patch...

**Somerset LMC** has a series of 3 events starting at 7:30

- Tuesday 12th February; Yeovil Football Ground.
- Wednesday 13th February; The Exchange, Express Park, Bridgwater.
- Friday 15th February; Coxley Vineyard, Wells.



**Cornwall IoS LMC** will be holding an event, details to follow...

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## What Next...

Further information will follow as the situation develops, a full programme for Sandy Park will be produced shortly. Please watch the web site and Devon Voice for updates.

**We look forward to seeing you on 11<sup>th</sup> Feb...**

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