

Long Action Reversible Contraception Contract Update February 2023

Following discussions between SCC and the LMC there is now an understanding that Somerset County Council do not receive any inflationary uplifts to the Public Health grant and so we are not able to apply this to our contracted services. We have however, recently benchmarked our LARC payments to primary care against other areas in the region and remain comparable for implants and above average for IUS/IUD payments.

In regard to Insurance Liabilities (Clause B27 of the contract), it is recognised that the national GP Indemnity Scheme as well as personal indemnity insurance covers GP and nurses' costs and that this indemnity scheme sufficiently covers the contract requirements with the LARC Contract. The Public Liability insurance which practices are liable for was requested to provide up to £10m cover. After discussions with the LMC and SCC insurance advisor, we would now like to compromise and suggest that we keep public liability insurance cover at £5m but would advise practices at their next insurance renewal practices explore the cost of having £10m public liability cover. The SCC insurance advisor has said nationally there have been inflationary insurance claim increases and the Council is keen to ensure that practices have adequate insurance to cover them for this eventuality.

Following this discussion the LMC is willing to endorse the SCC public health LARC contract to practices. The new contract reflecting this amendment is expected to be reissued on e-sign from lunchtime on Thursday 23rd February. If individual practices have any queries please do contact Andrew Wilson, who is the point of contact at SCC at andrew.wilson1@somerset.gov.uk or call 01823 357239.