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Videoconference Meeting of the GP Subcommittee
on Monday, 15th November 2021 at 7.30pm

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Drs Michael Anderson, Ronnie Burns, Maureen Byrne, Gayle Dunnet, Mark Fawcett, Gordon Forrest, Helen Fox, Sheena Fraser, Norrie Gaw, John Ip, Waseem Khan, John Kyle, Susan Langridge, Gillian Leslie, Graeme Marshall, Alan McDevitt, Chris McHugh, Hilary McNaughtan, Steven Miller, Patricia Moultrie, Austin Nichol, Alex Potter, Dawn Rees, Samir Shukla, Mark Storey, Alastair Taylor, David Taylor, Graham Thompson

Chair

Dr Alan McDevitt CBE, Chair of the Committee

Attending

- Marco Florence, Secretary to the Committee
- Elaine McLaren, Administration Assistant for the Committee
- Lorna Kelly, Interim Director of Primary Care, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
- Dr Kerri Neylon OBE, Deputy Medical Director for Primary Care, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
- Susanne Millar, Chief Officer, Glasgow City HSCP

Apologies

Drs Katie Adair, Parisa Ghanbari, Christopher Mansbridge, Michael Rennick, Paula Rogers, Jasmeet Singh and Raymund White.

Dr Ron Alexander, Hospital Subcommittee Representative

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- Members were reminded to declare any relevant conflicts of interest.

Notes/Reports from Meetings for Noting

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1. PCIP Oversight Group, 30th September 2021

This report was noted by the GP Subcommittee.

2. GG&C eHealth Steering Group, 30th September 2021

This report was noted by the GP Subcommittee.

3. Pharmacotherapy Task and Finish Group, 30th September 2021

This report was noted by the GP Subcommittee.

4. Childhood Immunisation Group, 5th October 2021

This report was noted by the GP Subcommittee.

5. Area Drug and Therapeutics Committee, 18th October 2021

This report was noted by the GP Subcommittee.

6. MAT SPMG, 19th October 2021

This report was noted by the GP Subcommittee.

7. Primary Care Prescribing Management Group, 21st October 2021

This report was noted by the GP Subcommittee.

8. Update to Medical List

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This report was noted by the GP Subcommittee.

9. Hospital Subcommittee

The GP Subcommittee's representation at the Hospital Subcommittee was raised. This will be put on the agenda for the December meeting of the GP Subcommittee.

Action Point: Add Hospital Subcommittee to December agenda.

Minutes GP Subcommittee

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1. Draft Minutes of the GP Subcommittee, 18th October 2021
The draft minutes were approved by the GP Subcommittee.
2. Draft Minutes of the Executive of the GP Subcommittee, 1st November 2021
The draft minutes were noted by the GP Subcommittee.

Matters Arising

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There were no matters arising.

NHS Recovery

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1. GP Workload Update

There is currently a national workload survey being undertaken. Around 47 practices in GGC are participating. Data covering week commencing 4th October has been published. Public Health Scotland are going to be analysing the data to see what reliable information can be drawn. This is a small sample of practices and we have to be careful about the conclusions drawn. This estimates that practices in GGC undertook around 105,000 -100,000 appointments that week. This clearly shows the scale of the workload in general practice. There is funded administration time available for practices who are able to complete the survey.

Covid-19

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1. Community Pathway Update

An update was provided to the GP Subcommittee on the decision taken by the executive on 1st November 2021. This pertained to a paper that is currently before the Covid Ops Group on options for the Covid Pathway. The executive agreed to support the proposals detailed in the Covid Ops paper, as detailed below:

- The criteria for those aged 0-4 is extended to those aged under 12, with practices retaining the ability to refer to the CAC if they feel it is necessary.
- House visits: Where a call comes to the practice and practice decides a home visit is necessary, they would undertake the home visit. Where the patient contacts 111 and the patient has been passed to the remote triage hub, and it has been determined that a house call is necessary but no house visiting service is available, the practice will re-triage the patient and if necessary, the practice will undertake the house visit.

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- Patients who have been double vaccinated and have a negative PCR result should be able to be seen by their own practice if a face to face appointment is necessary.
- The telephone hub overspill arrangements should continue.
- If the CAC reaches capacity early on in the day (trigger point to be agreed by the GP Subcommittee as part of the Covid Ops Group) the GP should be asked to re-triage the patient. Options would include a referral to SATA or the patient waiting until OOH can see them.
- The executive noted that the board intends to support practices to undertake a risk assessment to deal with the possible long term eventuality of Covid patients being seen in practices.

The communication to practices is currently being worked on by the GP Subcommittee and the board.

Flu and Covid Vaccination Programme 2021

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A letter was issued by the board on 15th November 2021 inviting practices to assist with the delivery of the Covid booster and flu programme. The board confirmed that all patients aged 70 and over have already been offered appointments and that the current uptake is over 80%. The board is confident that they are successfully delivering this programme. This invitation to practices is part of a suite of ways in which the board hopes to reach any patient who has not yet come forward for vaccination. Concerns were raised regarding the mixed messaging that this initiative may introduce regarding GP participation in the vaccination programme. The board undertook to investigate reports of the national helpline informing patients that this vaccination would be available from their GP practice. The GP Subcommittee is clear that the role of general practice in delivering Covid or flu vaccinations in GGC remains very limited because of capacity issues and the VTP programme.

PCIP Implementation

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A meeting has been held with the pharmacy service. It was agreed that any changes that will affect a practice's current level of service will be carried out in a planned way and will be undertaken in consultation with the practice.

GP Subcommittee Representation Required

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1. Area Drug and Therapeutics Committee

Dr Waseem Khan was thanked for his service representing the GP Subcommittee on this committee. Dr Maureen Byrne will join Dr Gordon Forrest in attending this committee.

Any Other Business

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1. Covid Passport Exemption Letters

The letter from the Chief Medical Officer making clear that GPs cannot issue Covid passport exemption letters was welcomed.

2. Festive Holidays

It was confirmed that discussions are ongoing with the board regarding the festive care homes LES.

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3. OOH

There are concerning gaps on the rota for the OOH service. The board is always keen to hear ideas as to how to encourage GPs to work in OOH. It was suggested that a review of palliative care services out of hours, but particularly over the festive holidays, would be useful to consider what other parts of the system beyond GP OOH could be available. It was suggested that increased rates of pay should be applied. It was also noted that asking the service and colleagues under such strain to cover four consecutive days over Christmas and New Year was felt to be unwise by a GP subcommittee member with extensive OOHs experience.

Action Point: Add OOH to GP Sub agenda for December.

Next Meeting of the GP Subcommittee-7.30pm, Monday, 20th December 2021

Next Meeting of the GP Subcommittee's Executive-7.30pm, Monday, 6th December 2021