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Videoconference Meeting of the GP Subcommittee
on Monday, 18th October 2021 at 7.30pm

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Drs Katie Adair, Michael Anderson, Ronnie Burns, Maureen Byrne, Mark Fawcett, Gordon Forrest, Helen Fox, Sheena Fraser, John Ip, Waseem Khan, Susan Langridge, Christopher Mansbridge, Graeme Marshall, Alan McDevitt, Chris McHugh, Hilary McNaughtan, Patricia Moultrie, Alex Potter, Dawn Rees, Michael Rennick, Samir Shukla, Jasmeet Singh, Alastair Taylor, Graham Thompson, Raymund White

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 Gayle Dunnet, Norrie Gaw, Parisa Ghanbari, John Kyle, Steven Miller, Austin Nichol, Paula Rogers, Mark Storey and David Taylor

Dr Ron Alexander, Hospital Subcommittee Representative

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- Members were reminded to declare any relevant conflicts of interest.
 - Members were advised that Dr Rachael Bowman has resigned as the ST3 representative. The Chair thanked Dr Bowman for her contribution to the committee.

Notes/Reports from Meetings for Noting

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1. Appraisal Steering Group, 19th August 2021
This report was noted by the committee.
2. Area Medical Committee, 20th August 2021
This report was noted by the committee.
3. Childhood Immunisation Group, 23rd August 2021
This report was noted by the committee.
4. Pharmacotherapy Task and Finish Group, 26th August 2021
This report was noted by the committee.
5. Primary Care Coordination Group, 30th August 2021
This report was noted by the committee.
6. GMS eHealth, 2nd September 2021
This report was noted by the committee.
7. HIV Prevention, Treatment and Care Committee, 2nd September 2021
This report was noted by the committee.
8. Respiratory MCN, 6th September 2021

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This report was noted by the committee.

9. ADTC Medicines Utilisation Sub- comm., 8th September 2021

This report was noted by the committee.

10. PMG, 21st September 2021

This report was noted by the committee.

11. RMG, 28th September 2021

This report was noted by the committee.

12. Changes to Medical List

This report was noted by the committee.

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1. Draft Minutes of the GP Subcommittee, 20th September 2021

The draft minutes were approved by the committee.

2. Draft Minutes of the Executive of the GP Subcommittee, 4th October 2021

The draft minutes were noted by the committee.

Matters Arising

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1. Area Drug and Therapeutics Committee, 9th August 2021

Following a query being raised at the September meeting of the GP Subcommittee, the following guidance was provided in response.

Previously most of the antidiabetic medicines had the specialist initiation label attached to them including the GLP1 and SGLT-2inhibitors, partly because they were new and few in primary care were familiar with them. Now that more GPs are used to starting people on these agents in primary care it seemed reasonable to remove the specialist initiation tag and allow anyone familiar with the treatment of diabetes to use these agents without specialist referral and initiation hence the tag of "Restricted to initiation by clinicians, either in primary care or the acute setting, experienced in the treatment of diabetes" which will allow anyone in primary care to start any of the agents if they are comfortable with this. This does not stop anyone who is not comfortable with initiation of any of these agents referring to the diabetic services to start especially the GLP1 agents doing so. The feeling is that insulin is still of a different order of therapy hence why it has kept the specialist initiation tag.

Work currently being undertaken by the Diabetes MCN is to go to the Primary Care Programme Board. Thereafter, it can be discussed if any other groups also need to review this work.

NHS Recovery

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1. GP Workload Update

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The September 2021 iteration of the GP Escalation Framework has been circulated to practices. Practices are continuing to deal with rising workloads, alongside staffing issues caused by Covid and self-isolation. The situation in England, where there is an unsympathetic government and hostile press, was noted. In Scotland, there has been the joint letter from the Scottish Government and SGPC. The support of the Scottish Government and health and care colleagues locally was noted. Sixty practices have signed up to the national workload data survey. This is around a quarter of practices in GGC. The exercise will gather data on appointments, types of appointments and capacity.

Covid-19

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1. Community Pathway Update

The Covid Ops group is looking at an options paper. There has not been agreement to re-open at the CACs at weekends during COP26. Recruitment is being focussed on out of hours.

Flu and Covid Vaccination Programme 2021

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The population and staff programmes are underway. Appointments for staff to book are being added regularly. Practices were encouraged to support the programme and answer queries helpfully. However, it was reported that large numbers of patients are being directed to call practices by the national helpline. This is being looked at as the national helpline shouldn't be directing patients in this way.

PCIP Implementation

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The PCIP representatives met at the end of September, with the focus of discussions being on possible transitional arrangements. These will need national directions. It was noted that the possibility of transitional arrangements being paid for from existing PCIP funding may cause difficulties for HSCPs. A letter regarding vaccinations has been issued. Those vaccinations that haven't been transferred remain under practices' responsibilities. These include pneumococcal, shingles and travel vaccinations. The PCIP Oversight Group will need to consider the issue of PCIP underspends.

Documents Requiring a Response

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1. Application To Vary Practice Area- 43063

The committee agreed to take no exception to this application.

Action Point: Response needs fed back to Primary Care Support.

GP Subcommittee Representation Required

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1. PCIP-Mental Health Workstream Lead

Members were encouraged to contact the business coordinator if they are able to take on the role of the PCIP-Mental Health Workstream Lead.

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Any Other Business

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Members were advised that discussions have been had with the pharmacy service about COP26. Documents are to be provided regarding the services available for the emergency supply of medicines from community pharmacies. These regulations cover people from the UK, the EEA and Switzerland.

Next Meeting of the GP Subcommittee-7.30pm, Monday, 15th November 2021

Next Meeting of the GP Subcommittee's Executive-7.30pm, Monday, 1st November 2021