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**GREATER GLASGOW & CLYDE AREA MEDICAL COMMITTEE
General Practitioner Subcommittee (Videoconference)**

MINUTES of the MEETING of the
COMMITTEE held on 18th May
2020 in the Committee's offices at
40 New City Road, Glasgow G4 9JT

SEDERUNT: Drs Katie Adair, Ronnie Burns, Maureen Byrne, Vicky Clark, Mark Fawcett, Helen Fox, Gordon Forrest, Sheena Fraser, Norrie Gaw, John Ip, Waseem Khan, John Kyle, Susan Langridge, Gillian Leslie, William Macphee, Alan McDevitt, Hilary McNaughtan, Christopher Mansbridge, Graeme Marshall, Steven Miller, Patricia Moultrie, Austin Nichol, Alex Potter, Michael Rennick, Paula Rogers, Samir Shukla, Jasmeet Singh, Mark Storey, Alastair Taylor, David Taylor, Graham Thompson and Raymund White.

CHAIR: Dr Alan McDevitt CBE Chair of the Committee chaired the meeting.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from Drs Parisa Ghanbari, Ruth Gibson, Chris McHugh, Kathryn McLachlan and Kerri Neylon.

Dr Ron Alexander, Hospital Subcommittee Representative.

ATTENDING: Mr David Leese Chief Officer (CO) Renfrewshire HSCP and Lead CO for Primary Care.

Mrs Mary Fingland. Secretary to the GP Subcommittee.

**MEMBERSHIP OF
THE COMMITTEE:**

(a) New Members

Dr McDevitt welcomed new members Drs Helen Fox, Waseem Khan and Austin Nichol.

(b) Retirals

Dr McDevitt thanked retiring members Drs John Dempster, Andrew Fitchett, Michael Haughney, Paul Miller, Paul Ryan, Mohammed Sharif, Alan Petrie and Blair Walker and wished them well for the future.

(c) Dr Kerri Neylon

Dr McDevitt advised the GP Subcommittee that Dr Neylon had been appointed Deputy Medical Director for Primary Care in NHSGGC and congratulated Dr Neylon on her new role and the collaborative work undertaken by both Primary and Secondary Care.

ACCEPTED: **(a) Urgent Care Workstream Tuesday 10th March 2020**

Noted.

**(b) Moving Forward Together Community Hub Workshop Thursday
5th March 2020**

Noted.

**(c) PC Prescribing Management and Pharmacotherapy
Implementation Group Thursday 20th February 2020**

Noted.

(d) Thrombosis Committee Friday 13th March 2020

Noted.

**(e) Medicine Utilisation Prescribing Education Wednesday 11th
March 2020**

Noted.

**(f) Pre-School Immunisation Implementation Group Monday 9th
March 2020**

Noted.

(g) Hospital Subcommittee Tuesday 3rd March 2020

Noted.

**(h) Sandyford Review Implementation Steering Group Friday 14th
February 2020**

Noted.

MINUTES: 20/01

The GP Subcommittee received the Minutes of the meeting held on 17th February 2020.

The Minutes of the 17th February 2020 were approved.

**MATTERS ARISING:
20/02**

There were no matters arising.

COVID-19:20/03

(a) Covid 19 Update

Members noted GP Subcommittee attendance at the following Board and HSCP Groups: -

- Clinical Advisory Group.
- Clinical Advisory Community Pathway.
- Primary Care Coordination Group.

The GP Subcommittee discussed and noted the following: -

- Shielding and the difficulties faced by practices as inclusion criteria changes and expands.
- The successful roll out of the Community Pathway which is working well at streaming Covid patients away from General Practice protecting both patients and staff allowing non-Covid work to continue in GP surgeries.
- PPE delivery to General Practice and re-order system in place.
- PPE recall of faulty visors with substitutes now delivered to General Practice.
- Testing changing rapidly with numerous pathways being developed for different sectors.
- Care Homes and Palliative Care GGC guidance and support in place from respiratory colleagues.

Testing:

- Concern raised at GP involvement in Covid pathway for new admissions to Care Homes.
- Conflicting messages across GGC acute radiology sites on pathway for GPs and patients.
- GP diagnostic referrals should be retained and managed by radiology service.
- Concern around impact on waiting times.
- Testing guidance continually evolving.
- Concerns around GPs becoming responsible for managing screening test results especially as the number of organisations carrying out testing on frontline staff and testing sites grows.
- Standard advice should encompass management of positive results and how these are appropriately dealt with.

Mr Leese advised members the position remained to test on care home admission with new residents being isolated for 14 days. Members heard a greater level of peer support was taking place with the care home sector allowing a greater level of assurance and reassurance between health and social care.

In closing the Covid segment the Chair invited final comments.

Mr Leese spoke to the GP Subcommittee of the work taken forward at speed and paid tribute to the leadership of the GP Subcommittee and LMC for their openness, preparedness and adaptability which was hugely beneficial and very pragmatic in developing the GGC Covid response.

**GP
REPRESENTATION
REQUIRED:20/04**

(a) Area Medical Committee (AMC)

Dr Ronnie Burns was nominated as GP Subcommittee representative to the AMC.

(b) Area Drug and Therapeutic Committee (ADTC)

Drs Gordon Forrest and Waseem Khan were nominated as GP Subcommittee representatives to the ADTC.

(c) GMS eHealth Steering Group

As there were three nominations for two representative places, an election will take place.

(d) Therapeutics Subcommittee

Dr Alastair Taylor was nominated as GP Subcommittee representative.

**NOTES AND
REPORTS OF
MEETINGS (FOR
DISCUSSTION): 20/05**

(a) Oral Report Area Medical Committee (AMC) Friday 15th May 2020

Received.

The GP Subcommittee discussed and noted the following: -

- AMC received an update of GP Subcommittee work during Covid 19.
- AMC received Covid 19 report from Secondary Care ICU and Respiratory Consultants.
- Secondary Care coping with the Covid workload which they felt was now manageable.
- Dr Iain Kennedy, Consultant in Public Health Medicine delivered a talk on Test, Trace and Isolate and what that may necessitate for PPE use in General Practice to protect patients, staff and GPs.
- AMC received an update on recovery and mobilisation from Dr Jennifer Armstrong Medical Director NHSGGC and how to manage cohorting patients through the system.

(b) GMS eHealth Steering Group 7th May 2020

Received.

The GP Subcommittee noted and discussed the following: -

- Buddying arrangements and the need for log-ins.
- Information governance clarification on data sharing.
- Electronic prescribing and the continued need for wet signatures.

GP CLUSTERS: 20/06

Standing agenda item and no update.

**GP CONTRACT
IMPLEMENTATION:
20/07**

(a) Primary Care Implementation Planning (PCIP)

The GP Subcommittee noted that PCIP work would be resuming as the pandemic eased. Members discussed areas that had worked well during Covid and how those initiatives could be incorporated into

PCIP. Members noted the mutually agreed PCIP principles had stood in good stead allowing constructive working across sectors. Members heard a lack of mental health support could potentially be widening health inequalities and needed to be high on the agenda in returning services to a degree of normality. The GP Subcommittee noted the experience of coping with Covid highlighted how new IT systems should be developed to meet new ways of working.

Mr Leese told members the Board was aware of the need to return to PCIP and noted: -

- The move from traditional models.
- A need to return to the PCIP, and its locally agreed principles which had been very useful revisited and updated if needed.
- Digital solutions which had proved very useful.
- Clear public messaging going forward.

The GP Subcommittee noted an intention to hold a CQL meeting in the next couple of months with one of the suggested themes quality improvement in a post Covid world.

AOCB: 20/08

There was no further competent business.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next GP Subcommittee meeting is **Monday 15th June 2020**. Please note this meeting will be by videoconference.

The date of the next Executive meeting is Monday 1st June 2020.