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**GREATER GLASGOW & CLYDE AREA MEDICAL COMMITTEE**  
**General Practitioner Subcommittee**

MINUTES of the MEETING of the  
COMMITTEE held on 20th  
January 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, Andrew Fitchett, Gordon Forrest, Sheena Fraser, Norrie Gaw, Parisa Ghanbari, Michael Haughney, John Ip, Susan Langridge, Gillian Leslie, William Macphee, Alan McDevitt, Chris McHugh, Hilary McNaughtan, Christopher Mansbridge, Patricia Moultrie, Kerri Neylon, Alex Potter, Michael Rennick, Paula Rogers, Paul Ryan, Mohammed Sharif, Samir Shukla, Jasmeet Singh, Mark Storey Alastair 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 Gayle Dunnet, John Kyle, Kathryn McLachlan, Graeme Marshall, Steven Miller, Paul Miller, Alan Petrie, David Taylor and Blair Walker.
- 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.
- ACCEPTED:**
- (a) **Report District and Community Nursing Development Steering Group Thursday 28th November 2019**
- Noted.
- (b) **Report Diabetes MCN Tuesday 8th October 2019**
- Noted.
- (c) **Report Pre-school Immunisation Group Friday 6th December 2019**
- Noted.
- (d) **Report NHSGGC Thrombosis Committee Friday 13th December 2019**
- Noted.
- (e) **Report Vaccination Transformation Programme Board Thursday 5th December 2019**

Noted.

**(f) Report Area Drug and Therapeutics Committee (ADTC) Monday  
9th December 2019**

Noted.

Optometry

A member wondered if Optometry followed formulary guidance as a number of prescriptions requested by optometrists were for high value non-formulary medications or preparations. Members heard that optometrists do not have responsibility for prescribing budgets. Members noted many optometrists cannot prescribe hence responsibility falling to the GP. The GP Subcommittee heard that communication between optometry and GPs was also a problem with GPs often spending a lot of time deciphering hand written messages or tracking down the requester to establish exactly what was required for presenting patients. A member wondered if engagement between the ADTC, Prescribing Management Group and Area Clinical Forum may be of benefit to highlight these difficulties.

Another member noted that dental colleagues should also be responsible for their prescribing and follow formulary recommendations. A member offered to raise this with the Scottish Dental Committee which they attended on behalf of SGPC.

**Action Point:** Prescribing requests from Optometry and Dental to be raised with ADTC, PMG and ACF.

**(g) Changes to the Medical List**

Noted.

**MINUTES: 19/058**

The GP Subcommittee received the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2019.

The Minutes of the 16th December 2019 were approved and signed by the Chair.

**MATTERS ARISING:  
19/059**

There were no matters arising.

**DOCUMENTS  
REQUIRING A  
RESPONSE:19/060**

**(a) Growth Hormone (Somatropin) in Children with Growth  
Disturbance; Shared Care Agreement**

Discussed.

The GP Subcommittee discussed monitoring requirements, costs of drugs and problems of drug shortages were noted. The view of the GP Subcommittee was that secondary care prescribing was more

appropriate.

Mr Leese advised members there would only be transfer of shared care if partnerships receive resource and that principal had not changed. A member thought increased cost to prescribing budgets may have significant issues for partnerships and services to patients if increased prescribing costs had to be met from elsewhere in Primary Care. A member thought this shared care prescribing should remain with the specialist.

**GP  
REPRESENTATION  
REQUIRED:19/061**

**(a) NHSGGC Thrombosis Committee Friday 13th March 8:30am:  
GRI – Deputy Only**

Dr Andrew Fitchett was able to act as deputy to Dr Gordon Forrest.

**(b) Diagnostic Imaging Access Collaborative Tuesday 18th  
February, Thursday 19th March and Tuesday 21st April 2020**

Nominated:

Dr Ronnie Burns will attend the event on Tuesday 18th February.  
Dr Gordon Forrest will attend the event on Thursday 19th March.  
Drs Katie Adair and Mohammed Sharif will attend the event on 21st April.

Discussion around Bandwidth

Members then discussed whether or not GPs should have access to imaging carried out in other services and after an interesting discussion members heard it was unclear if the requisite technology to allow such access was available at this time and this may be a discussion to revisit in the future.

**NOTES AND  
REPORTS OF  
MEETINGS (FOR  
DISCUSSION):  
19/062**

**(a) Report Pre-school Immunisation Group Wednesday 8th January  
2020**

Noted.

**(c) Report Area Medical Committee Friday 17th January 2020**

Received.

Mental Health OOHs Services Presentation

Members heard there had been some initial confusion around 'unscheduled care' as opposed to OOH services as the MH service tended to use the terms interchangeable while in General Practice a great deal of unscheduled care is managed in hours.

GP OOHs

Member noted a report had been given to the AMC on the meeting held on 14th January between the service and its deputies and the work currently underway to improve the service.

Moving Forward Together (MFT)

Members noted it was reiterated to the Board that the GP Subcommittee would like to be appropriately involved in this work.

**GP Clusters: 19/063**

Standing agenda item. No update.

**GP CONTRACT  
IMPLEMENTATION:  
19/064**

Standing agenda item. No update.

**CHANGES TO THE  
MEDICAL LIST:19/65:**

**(a) Application to Vary Practice Area – Practice 43275**

Discussed.

The Committee agreed to take no exception to this application.

**Action Point:** No exception.

**AOCB: 19/066**

**(a) GP Subcommittee Training**

The GP Subcommittee were advised Equality and Diversity training had been arranged for the afternoon of Wednesday 4th March in the LMC Offices. Members were asked to advise Mrs Fingland of their attendance.

**DATE OF NEXT  
MEETING**

The date of the next GP Subcommittee meeting is **Monday 17th February 2020.**

The date of the next Executive meeting is Monday 3rd February 2020.