

Greater Glasgow & Clyde Area Medical Committee- General Practitioner Subcommittee
Minutes of the Meeting of The Committee
7.30pm, 21st December 2020 by Videoconference

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Drs Michael Anderson, Rachael Bowman, Ronnie Burns, Vicky Clark, Mark Fawcett, Gordon Forrest, Helen Fox, Sheena Fraser, Norrie Gaw, Ruth Gibson, John Ip, Waseem Khan, John Kyle, Susan Langridge, Gillian Leslie, Christopher Mansbridge, Alan McDevitt, Chris McHugh, Austin Nichol, Alex Potter, Dawn Rees, Michael Rennick, Samir Shukla, Alastair Taylor, Graham Thompson, Raymund White

Chair

Dr Alan McDevitt CBE, Chair of the Committee

Attending

- Marco Florence, Secretary to the Committee
- Anne Harkness, Director of Emergency Care and Medical Services, Acute Service Division, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
- Lorna Kelly, Interim Director of Primary Care, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
- Susanne Millar, Primary Care Lead for Chief Officers in Greater Glasgow and Clyde
- Dr Kerri Neylon, Deputy Medical Director for Primary Care

Apologies

Drs Katie Adair, Maureen Byrne, Gayle Dunnet, Parisa Ghanbari, Hilary McNaughtan, Graeme Marshall, Steven Miller, Patricia Moultrie, Paula Rogers, Jasmeet Singh, Mark Storey, David Taylor

Dr Ron Alexander, Hospital Subcommittee Representative

Membership of the Committee

The Chair welcomed Lorna Kelly, Susanne Millar and Dr Rachael Bowman who were all attending the GP Subcommittee for the first time. Dr Kerri Neylon was also welcomed to the committee as this was her first time attending the committee in her new role.

Covid-19

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2. Covid-19 Staff Vaccination

The Chair outlined that he was aware that concerns had been raised about the Courageous vaccine programme. The GP Subcommittee/LMC have been represented on the Staff Vaccination Programme Board (SVPB) and the AMC is represented at the Area Clinical Forum (ACF). It had been thought that NHS GGC would get a much larger supply in first phase but had to prioritise within that. It was agreed at the SVPB and ACF that this would be done on the basis of clinical risk and exposure. With the potential for CAC escalation and GPs being vaccinators, it is important that GPs are vaccinated.

Anne Harkness provided an update, noting that supply had dictated the need to prioritise. The letter from the Chief Medical Officer outlined that care home residents and staff should be the first priority, followed by patient facing staff noting a need to prioritise within that. It is difficult to plan ahead. The board can only vaccinate someone with the first dose when it knows it has the second dose. Had to prioritise. This has been those working in CACs and

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OOHs; those working in high risk areas; those over 65 years old; BAME; those previously shielding. There has been no wastage in hospitals.

Anne Harkness answered questions from a number of committee members about the programme. The Chair thanked Ms Harkness for her work on the programme and for attending the meeting. At the conclusion of this agenda item, Anne Harkness left the meeting.

Notes and Reports from Meetings for Noting Only

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1. ADTC Medicines Utilisation Sub-Committee, 11th November 2020
The Committee noted this report.
2. Area Medical Committee, 20th November 2020
The Committee noted this report.
3. GMS eHealth Group, 26th November 2020
The Committee noted this report.
4. SPMG, 1st December 2020
The Committee noted this report.

Minutes GP Subcommittee

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1. Draft Minutes of the GP Subcommittee, 23rd November 2020
The draft minutes were approved by the Committee.
2. Draft Minutes of the GP Subcommittee Executive, 7th December 2020
The draft minutes were noted by the Committee.

Matters Arising

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None

Covid-19

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1. Community Pathway Update
Escalation Plan has gone out. Standby letter is still to go out. CAC Activity levels shared. The issue of the new strain was highlighted.

Action Point-Secretary to send Mark Fawcett CAC capacity information.

NHS Escalation

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1. GP Subcommittee Leadership Engagements

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Meetings being attended by the Chair and Medical Directors include the Staff Vaccination Programme Board; Assessment Centre and Hub meeting; Clinical Advisory Group; Primary Care Coordination Group; Primary and Secondary care Interface; GMS Operational; Primary Care Programme Board; and Gender Services Meeting.

2. NHS Escalation

Secondary care is busy. The previous week, 26 wards were closed. Lateral flow testing is having an impact on staff absences. Elective care is facing pressure. The Scottish Government has sent a letter to health boards about this. Boards will need to manage a potential Covid surge, cancer care and elective care. 61 practices have signed up to the care home festive LES. CACS are to be open daily over the festive period. Dr Ip thanked GPs for volunteering their services for the CACs, hubs and OOH over the festive period. The Chair echoed these comments. Concerns were highlighted regarding the accuracy of lateral flow tests and the availability of slots on the healthcare worker testing system compared to the public system.

It was noted that practices are being creative when needed to manage situations, such as by working with buddy or cluster practices.

Notes and Reports from Meetings

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1. Respiratory MCN, 7th December 2020

Concerns were raised that no routine referrals had been dealt with since March. There are long waits for asthma and sleep apnoea. What to do with patients in the meantime? This is a challenge being faced in a number of areas and the leadership are trying to bring this together at the Interface Group.

Concerns were highlighted regard the different levels of waits for spirometry in relation to secondary care and GP referrals. It was acknowledged that these are different services.

Action Point-John Ip to look into.

A communication has just been agreed with via the Interface Group so that GPs know what is happening. The Scottish Government has told health boards to pause certain elective procedures. This will lead to increased waiting times. Consultant Connect was welcomed as a good tool.

2. Prescribing Interface Meeting, 8th December 2020

Aprimalast-This should only be with primary care once the patient is under stable care.

Melatonon-child psychiatry should be passing on to adult psychiatry services.

3. PMG, 8th December 2020

SMA-should say SMC.

4. GGC Diagnostics-Imaging for Primary Care Workshop, 10th December 2020

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Interesting collaborative work going on. Dennistoun cluster provided good feedback. Tension between radiology's capacity and respiratory looking to have a lot of people seen. Presentation from Joris van der Horst highlighted.

5. Area Drug and Therapeutics Committee, 14th December 2020
E-prescribing is being rolled out at a couple of wards at the QEUH.

6. Cervical Screening Steering Group, 16th December 2020
Regarding the patients who hadn't received letters, 3 practices had contacted board for funding. Some contacted Susan Hunt regarding locum nurses.

Any Other Business

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There was no other business.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the GP Subcommittee is Monday, 18th January 2021.

The date of the next meeting of the Executive meeting is Monday, 1st February 2021.