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Videoconference Meeting of the GP Subcommittee
on Monday, 20th December 2021 at 7.30pm

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Drs Katie Adair, Michael Anderson, Ronnie Burns, Maureen Byrne, Gayle Dunnet, Mark Fawcett, Gordon Forrest, Helen Fox, Sheena Fraser, Norrie Gaw, Parisa Ghanbari, John Ip, Waseem Khan, John Kyle, Susan Langridge, Gillian Leslie, Christopher Mansbridge, Alan McDevitt, Chris McHugh, Hilary McNaughtan, Steven Miller, Patricia Moultrie, Austin Nichol, Alex Potter, Dawn Rees, 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

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

Dr Graeme Marshall

Dr Ron Alexander, Hospital Subcommittee Representative

Notes/Reports from Meetings for Noting
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1. Area Medical Committee, 17th September 2021
This report was noted by the GP Subcommittee.
2. Area Medical Committee, 22nd October 2021
This report was noted by the GP Subcommittee.
3. Primary Care Improvement Plan Oversight Group, 28th October 2021
This report was noted by the GP Subcommittee.
4. Diabetes MCN Steering Group Type 2 DM, 28th October 2021
This report was noted by the GP Subcommittee.
5. PCIP Evaluation Steering Group, 29th October 2021
This report was noted by the GP Subcommittee.
6. ADTC Medicines Utilisation Sub- committee, 10th November 2021
This report was noted by the GP Subcommittee.
7. Childhood Immunisation Group, 15th November 2021
This report was noted by the GP Subcommittee.
8. Antimicrobials Utilisation subcommittee of ADTC, 16th November 2021
This report was noted by the GP Subcommittee.
9. Primary/Secondary Care Interface, 18th November 2021

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Significant concerns were raised regarding waiting times for referrals into secondary care. Two specialities highlighted were gynaecology and cardiology, including the waits for urgent out-patient referrals. General practice is in effect having to fulfil intermediate care whilst patients wait for specialist input. It was queried what can be done to support general practice whilst patients are waiting.

10. Appraisal Steering Group, 18th November 2021

This report was noted by the GP Subcommittee.

11. Acute and Primary Care: elective pathway communications, 18th November 2021

It was noted that this group has agreed to review 'Back to Referrer' communications, particularly looking at where secondary care is seeking further information.

It was made clear that GP referrals are not being criticised but that this work is to ensure that secondary care have all of the information they require for effective triaging of patient cases.

12. Primary Care Coordination Group, 22nd November 2021

This report was noted by the GP Subcommittee.

13. Primary Care Programme Board Strategic Group, 25th November 2021

This report was noted by the GP Subcommittee.

14. GG&C eHealth Steering Group, 25th November 2021

This report was noted by the GP Subcommittee.

15. Changes to Medical List

This report was noted by the GP Subcommittee.

Minutes GP Subcommittee

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1. Draft Minutes of the GP Subcommittee, 15th November 2021

An amendment was requested to the section on the OOH Service in 21/57. This was agreed to and the minutes thereafter approved.

2. Draft Minutes of the Executive of the GP Subcommittee, 6th December 2021

The draft minutes were noted by the GP Subcommittee.

Matters Arising

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There were no matters arising.

2022 GP Subcommittee Elections

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The Chair notified the GP Subcommittee of the upcoming elections and drew members' attention to the draft timetable and note of members due for election included in the papers.

Covid-19 GP Escalation

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1. GP Workload Update

There has been a decline in the number of practices participating in the workload survey. Data is available for up to week beginning 6th December and it shows around 110,000-120,000 appointments per week in GGC. There has been an increase in face to face appointments. A communication is coming to practices regarding temporary changes announced by the UK Government. These pertain to fit notes, firearms licences and driving licences. Concerns were raised that the temporary nature of the fit note change may lead to increased work.

Covid-19

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1. Community Pathway Update

Changes to the pathway came into effect at the beginning of December. The guidance document for children that was re-issued with the recent changes to the pathway needs updated. The recent changes to self-isolation rules will also need to be considered with regards to the pathway. The GP Subcommittee will need to be ready to take decisions should the situation surrounding the pathway require it. This could be via an emergency meeting of the executive or of the full committee. There has been an increase in hub cases but this hasn't been seen in the numbers attending the CACs. There was a call for GPs who can assist with staffing the CACs, hub or OOH.

Flu and Covid Vaccination Programme 2021

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Changes were announced to the programme last week. The flu programme is currently paused. It has been made clear that GP practices are not delivering flu vaccines, including in a board meeting with parliamentarians. Pharmacies in GGC are not contracted to deliver flu vaccines.

PCIP Implementation

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1. PCIP Oversight Group, 16th December 2021

An oral report was provided on this meeting. Many topics were covered at the meeting included: transitional/sustainability payments; the tendering process for travel vaccinations (noting that the direction of travel for the 2018 Contract is for this workload to come out of GP practices); the physio service; CTAC-work is being done regarding the need for an acute phlebotomy service but this must be in parallel, not funded via PCIP nor taking away capacity from general practice, producing a mutually beneficial service (paper will go to the GP Subcommittee in January); welfare and support of CTAC staff within practices.

Out of Hours GP Service

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If GPs have additional capacity, they are encouraged to work in the out of hours service. Rates have been raised for over the festive period. Members heard that OOHs staff are going above and beyond with a huge volume of calls and high workload pressures.

Documents Requiring a Response

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1. Area Amendment Request-87019

The GP Subcommittee agreed to take no exception to this proposal.

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Action Point: Response needs sent to board.

2. Branch Surgery Closure Application-46081

The GP Subcommittee agreed to take no exception to this proposal.

Action Point: Response needs fed back to HSCP.

2022 Meeting Dates

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This paper was noted by the GP Subcommittee.

Any Other Business

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There was no other business.

Next Meeting of the GP Subcommittee-7.30pm, Monday, 17th January 2022

Next Meeting of the GP Subcommittee's Executive-7.30pm, Monday, 7th February 2022