

**MINUTES**  
**Videoconference Meeting of the GP Subcommittee**  
**on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.30pm**

**Sederunt**

Drs Katie Adair, Michael Anderson, Ronnie Burns, Maureen Byrne, Gayle Dunnet, Mark Fawcett, Gordon Forrest, Helen Fox, Sheena Fraser, Parisa Ghanbari, Ewan Gray, Lynn Howie, John Ip, Sarah Johansen, Waseem Khan, John Kyle, Susan Langridge, Gillian Leslie, Peter Livingstone, Christopher Mansbridge, Alan McDevitt CBE, Chris McHugh, Steven Miller, Patricia Moultrie, Austin Nichol, Scott Queen, Dawn Rees, Michael Rennick, Jasmeet Singh, Mark Storey, Alastair Taylor, David Taylor and Graham Thompson

**Chair**

Dr Maureen Byrne, Chair of the Committee

**Attending**

- Marco Florence, Secretary to the Committee
- Elaine McLaren, Administration Officer for the Committee
- Christine Laverty, Chief Officer, Renfrewshire HSCP
- Susanne Millar, Chief Officer, Glasgow City HSCP
- Dr Kerri Neylon OBE, Deputy Medical Director for Primary Care, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde

**Apologies**

- Drs Norrie Gaw, Peter Horne, Graeme Marshall, Graham Morrison and Samir Shukla
- Dr Ron Alexander, Hospital Subcommittee Representative

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**Members were reminded to declare any relevant conflicts of interest.**

**GP Subcommittee/LMC Membership**

**22/72**

- Dr Hilary McNaughtan has resigned from the GP Subcommittee/LMC.
- Dr McNaughtan was thanked for her efforts as a committee member; PCIP lead for Glasgow City HSCP and CTAC; and a previous member of the executive.

**Minutes GP Subcommittee**

**22/73**

1. Draft Minutes of the GP Subcommittee, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022
- The draft minutes were approved by the GP Subcommittee.

**Matters Arising**

**22/74**

- There were no matters arising.

**GP Subcommittee/LMC Members' Development Day, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**22/75**

- A development day was attended by 17 members on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2023.
- The event sought to engage members on their effectiveness as committee members and the work of the secretariat.
- Positive feedback has been received from attendees.

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#### **GP Practice Workload & Sustainability**

##### **22/76**

- There are six practices at level two escalation; 189 at level 1b and 33 at level 1a.
- 15 practices have closed lists.
- The office is receiving reports of extremely high workloads from practices. 28<sup>th</sup> December was a particularly busy day for practices.
- The requirements around extended hours were suspended before Christmas, following a request from the LMC to the board.
- Practices escalating allows for the pressures that practices are working under to be easily visible to the board and HSCPs. Escalation levels are fed back to the Scottish Government.
- Requests regarding escalation should be handled sensitively by HSCPs.
- Concerns were raised regarding negative media reports of GP.

#### **PCIP**

##### **22/77**

- Following the resignation of Dr Hilary McNaughtan, the medical directors are going to lead on the CTAC workstream for the time being.
- The medical directors will give consideration to a new lead for Glasgow City HSCP.

#### **Sessional GPs**

##### **22/78**

- The LMC is planning its next sessional GP development day and is looking to do this in person again.
- It is hoped that the board will support the LMC with this as it previously has.

#### **Notes & Reports from Meetings**

##### **22/79**

###### **1. Respiratory MCN, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

- This paper was noted by the GP Subcommittee.

###### **2. Cervical Screening Steering Group, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

- Concerns were raised regarding the waiting times for colposcopies which is up to 52 weeks.
- The national cervical screening group does not believe that a second smear is required whilst a patient is on the waiting list.

###### **3. Referral Management Group, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

- The GP Subcommittee did not believe it was necessary for GPs to be able to refer to optometry. Patients can be signposted there if necessary.
- Long Covid AHP service-the secretariat has already fed back that this does not need to be piloted and that it is content for it to proceed.
- The vaccination SCI form is for ad hoc vaccinations, so that GPs can advise what vaccinations are required.
- The name and remit of the Referral Management Group was discussed. This is already being looked at by the board.

###### **4. Prescribing Management Group, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

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- This paper was noted by the GP Subcommittee.
5. Pharmacotherapy and Primary Care: Prescribing Management Group, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022
- The example of a practice's pharmacy work will be being shared amongst pharmacy teams.
6. Psychotropic Drug Monitoring Group, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023
- Concerns were raised about the proposal for monitoring of patients on psychotropic drugs to lie with primary care.
  - It was noted that unlicensed drugs would be part of this work.
  - Monitoring the side effects of these drugs is outwith many GPs' expertise.
  - The GP Subcommittee was of the view that this monitoring should be undertaken by secondary care.
  - **Action Point: Feed back GP Subcommittee's views**

### **Changes to Medical List**

**22/80**

- This paper was noted by the GP Subcommittee.

### **Documents Requiring a Response**

**22/81**

1. Respiratory Outpatient Pathways
- The document was seen as more of an educational resource than pathways.
  - Concern was however raised that this would lead to a tick box type exercise for GPs.
  - Spirometry being a step in the document for primary care was believed to be inappropriate.
  - It would be better for the GP Subcommittee/primary care was more involved in the drawing up of any documents affecting general practice.
  - **Action Point: Feed back GP Subcommittee's views.**
2. Menopause Referral Pathways & Menopause Testosterone Prescribing Advice
- The menopause referral pathways document was felt to be a useful document.
  - The advice email address was seen to be a good facility.
  - The FAQs needs to clarify if it is gynaecology or Sandyford that patients should be referred to.
  - The prescribing advice was felt to be useful for GPs who are prescribing testosterone. However, it was felt that not all GPs are content to prescribe this.
  - Concern was raised regarding the following statement: "If testosterone is deemed appropriate by the specialist, it is your responsibility to prescribe and monitor as per the attached guidelines."
  - It is the prescriber's decision as to whether to prescribe a medication.
  - **Action Point: Feed back GP Subcommittee's views.**
3. Application to Vary Practice Area-The Broomhill Practice, 40121
- The GP Subcommittee agreed to take no exception to this application.
  - **Action Point: Submit response.**
4. Application to Vary Practice Area-Greenlaw Medical Practice, 87541

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- The GP Subcommittee agreed to take no exception to this application.
  - **Action Point: Submit response.**
5. Application to Vary Practice Area-Drs McKenzie and Burns, 46095
- Dr Ronnie Burns was excused from the discussion on this item.
  - The GP Subcommittee agreed to take no exception to this application.
  - **Action Point: Submit response.**

### **GP Subcommittee Representation Required**

**22/82**

#### **1. Glasgow City HSCP Property Group**

- Members were asked to advise the secretary if they are able to attend this group on behalf of the GP Subcommittee.

### **Any Other Business**

**22/83**

- An IT issue was raised. The member was advised to raise the specific details with the secretariat.
- **Next Meeting of the GP Subcommittee-7.30pm, Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023**
- **Next Meeting of the GP Subcommittee's Executive-7.30pm, Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023**