

MINUTES
Meeting of the GP Subcommittee
on Monday, 18th March 2024 at 7.30pm

Venue-Teams

Sederunt

- Drs Katie Adair, Michael Anderson, Ronnie Burns, Maureen Byrne, Gayle Dunnet, Mark Fawcett, Helen Fox, Sheena Fraser, Parisa Ghanbari, Ewan Gray, Peter Horne, Lynn Howie, John Ip, Waseem Khan, John Kyle, Susan Langridge, Gillian Leslie, Peter Livingstone, Christopher Mansbridge, Graeme Marshall, Chris McHugh, Steven Miller, Brian Milmore, Graham Morrison, Patricia Moultrie, Austin Nichol, Scott Queen, Dawn Rees, Michael Rennick, Jasmeet Singh, Alastair Taylor, David Taylor and Graham Thompson.

Chair

- Dr Maureen Byrne, Chair of the Committee

Attending

- Marco Florence, Secretary to the Committee
- Dr Kerri Neylon OBE, Deputy Medical Director for Primary Care, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
- Allen Stevenson, Interim Director of Primary Care, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde

Apologies

- Dr Mark Storey; Dr Ron Alexander, Christine Laverty and Elaine McLaren
- **Members were reminded to declare any relevant conflicts of interest.**

GP Subcommittee/LMC Membership

23/98

1. Departing Members

- Drs Peter Livingstone and Steven Miller were thanked for their service to the GP Subcommittee/LMC as they step down as members.

Notes and Reports from Meetings

23/99

<u>Report Number</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Date of Meeting</u>
1	PC Public and Stakeholder Group	11 th January 2024
2	Heart MCN	2 nd February 2024
3	Gender Identity Programme Board	5 th February 2024
4	Primary Secondary care Interface	7 th February 2024
5	Escalation Framework and Contingency Planning	8 th February 2024
6	GP IT Re-Provisioning Programme Board	8 th February 2024
7	PC Sustainability and Practice Support	14 th February 2024
8	ANIA Digital Dermatology	15 th February 2024
9	Area Medical Committee	16 th February 2024
10	Pharmacotherapy Task and Finish Group	31 st January 2024
11	Pharmacotherapy Task and Finish Group	16 th February 2024
12	ADTC	19 th February 2024
13	MAT SPMG	20 th February 2024
14	Adult Vaccinations	20 th February 2024
15	RMG	27 th February 2024
16	GMS eHealth Steering Group	29 th February 2024

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- Pharmacotherapy deliverables paper
- Several members queried the status of the deliverables covered by the RAG status section, in particular- "100% of medicines related queries are dealt with by pharmacy team" and that this is being fully met.
- Members advised that only a small proportion of total medicines related queries are being dealt with by the pharmacotherapy service.
- **Action Point: Feed back to be provided to the board.**

Minutes GP Subcommittee
23/100

1. Draft Minutes of the GP Subcommittee, 19th February 2024
 - The draft minutes were approved by the GP Subcommittee.
2. Draft Minutes of the GP Subcommittee's Executive, 4th March 2024
 - The draft minutes were noted by the GP Subcommittee.

Matters Arising
23/101

1. Local Patient Registration Guidance
 - It was noted that the provisions around the local patient registration guidance are due to expire at the end of March 2024.
 - An extension of 6 months has been discussed at the Primary Care Sustainability and Practice Support Group. This has been supported by the LMC.
 - This will need to be taken to PC Clinical Advisory Group and SEG.
 - The committee heard that practices having the option of the local patient registration guidance has possibly prevented more practices formally closing their lists.

GP Practice Workload & Sustainability
23/102

1. GGC GP Sit Rep, 13th February 2024-12th March 2024

Date	0	1a	1b	2	3	4	5	list closures
13/02/2024	0	143	78	6	0	0	0	7
20/02/2024	0	144	70	13	0	0	0	7
27/02/2024	0	141	72	14	0	0	0	7
05/03/2024	0	140	74	13	0	0	0	5
12/03/2024	0	139	73	14	0	0	0	5

- The board has implemented changes to the escalation framework which accounts for the large rise in practices at level 2 in February.
- Level 2 now includes temporary branch surgery closure, list closures, suspended extended hours and managed suspension of services.
- Regarding the list closure process, Practices with closed lists should be re-opening their lists once their list size has fallen to an agreed level or the practice has seen a change in circumstances which allows for this. List re-opening should not be occurring simply on the basis of a period of time having elapsed.
- The secretariat raised with the Interim Director of Primary Care again on 18th March the importance of not impeding practices using the board's telephony system from utilising the Safe Capacity Exceeded Alert part of the BMA's Safe Workload for GPs guidance

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2. LMC GP Practice Situation Survey, 5th February 2024-4th March 2024

Week Beginning	Green	Green %	Amber	Amber %	Red	Red %	Black	Black %	Total Responses
05/02/2024	17	14.53%	66	56.41%	29	24.79%	5	4.27%	117
12/02/2024	19	13.19%	77	53.47%	41	28.47%	7	4.86%	144
19/02/2024	16	13.01%	71	57.72%	27	21.95%	9	7.32%	123
26/02/2024	21	17.07%	75	60.98%	22	17.89%	5	4.07%	123
04/03/2024	17	13.60%	76	60.80%	25	20.00%	7	5.60%	125

- This paper was noted by the GP Subcommittee.

PCIP

23/103

1. PCPB Strategic Group, 22nd February 2024

- This report was noted by the GP Subcommittee.

Sessional GPs

23/104

1. GP Subcommittee/LMC Sessional GP Development Day, 2nd March 2024

- 52 GPs attended this event.
- The programme consisted of a service and IT update; workload and sessional GP wellbeing; child and adult protection training; BLS/AED training; and questions to the medical directors.
- The event is a good opportunity for sessional GPs to network with the office and each other.
- A survey was issued to the sessional GPs to gain an understanding of how they are finding working as a sessional GP in GGC currently.

Changes to Medical List

23/105

1. Changes to Medical List

- This paper was noted by the GP Subcommittee.

2. Early Retirement of GPs

- A discussion was had on the potential negative impact of GPs retiring earlier than planned.
- This will result in a loss of capacity and experience, as well as further problems of sustainability.
- The LMC issues a survey to GPs leaving practices and retiring, which seeks to capture some of the factors behind their decision.
- Some of the factors mentioned by members that may be leading to GPs retiring earlier than planned were-increasing list sizes, increasing demands, feeling unable to deliver their workload; feeling undervalued by the NHS.

Documents Requiring a Response

23/106

1. Shared Care Agreement-Methotrexate

- The GP Subcommittee agreed to take no exception to the update to the Shared Care Agreement.
- The letter sent to the GP Subcommittee was considered useful and it was agreed that GPs should be receiving this as part of the SCA.

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- It is important that GPs can contact rheumatology departments efficiently. This is a matter that is being taken forward via the Primary-Secondary Care Interface.
 - The work involved with this is not part of the core GMS contract.
 - **Action Point: Provide feedback.**
2. NHSGGC Referral Criteria & Pathway – Young Person’s Gender Service
 3. NHSGGC Referral Criteria & Pathway – Adult Gender Service
- Items 23/106.2 and.3 were considered together.
 - These were considered helpful as referral guidance, detailing the key information that the Sandyford service sees as important.
 - It is useful to note that it is not just GPs who can refer. Members heard that other agencies such as education and mental health services are often better placed to make the referral.
 - There are however concerns about capacity and the length of waiting times for both the adult and young persons services.
 - The GP Subcommittee noted in the documents reference to “timely” assessments.
 - SCI Gateway will be used for referrals from GPs.
 - The long time that GPs have to wait for advice from the Sandyford regarding patients who are undergoing trans gender healthcare was noted with concern.
 - **Action Point: Provide feedback**

Application to Vary Practice Area

23/107

1. 46292 - Drs McCallum & Gardiner

- The GP Subcommittee agreed to take no exception to this application.

GP Subcommittee Representation Required

23/108

1. Specialist Children’s Services-Neurodevelopmental Services
2. Sexual Health and BBV Strategic Planning and Oversight Group.

- Members were advised to contact the secretary if they are able to attend either of these groups.

Any Other Business

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- There was no other business.
- **Next Meeting of the GP Subcommittee-7.30pm, Monday, 15th April 2024, LMC Office**
 - **Next Meeting of the GP Subcommittee’s Executive-7.30pm, Monday, 8th April 2024, Teams**