

**MINUTES**  
**Meeting of the GP Subcommittee**  
**on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 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, 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
- 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 Ron Alexander and Christine Laverty
- **Members were reminded to declare any relevant conflicts of interest.**

**Notes and Reports from Meetings**  
**23/84**

<u>Report Number</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Date of Meeting</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Report Author</u>
1	Primary Care Sustainability and Practice Support	10 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	3	Dr Maureen Byrne
2	Adult Vaccination Group	16 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	4	Dr Michael Rennick
3	RMG	16 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	5	Dr Ronnie Burns
4	Pharmacotherapy Task and Finish Group	16 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	6	Dr Maureen Byrne
5	ANIA Digital Dermatology	18 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	8	Dr John Ip
6	GMS eHealth	18 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	9	Dr Chris Mansbridge
7	Area Medical Committee	19 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	11	Dr Michael Rennick
8	Climate Sustainability Group	25 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	13	Dr Susan Langridge
9	Appraisal Steering Group	25 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	14	Dr Maureen Byrne

- Reports 23/84.1-5 and 7-9 were noted by the GP Subcommittee.
- 23/84.5-GMS eHealth, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- Work is ongoing to try to minimise the role of GP practices in the DEXA recall process.
- The length of waits for DEXA scans was highlighted with concern.

**Minutes GP Subcommittee**

**23/85**

1. Draft Minutes of the GP Subcommittee, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024
  - The draft minutes were approved by the GP Subcommittee.
2. Draft Minutes of the GP Subcommittee's Executive, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024
  - The draft minutes were noted by the GP Subcommittee.

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**Matters Arising**

**23/86**

1. PMG:PC Meeting, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023-Contraception
  - It has been confirmed that any workload arising from change of contraceptive medicine as part of cost saving measures will not be the responsibility of GPs.
2. Rapid Access Chest Pain Clinic
  - A letter was sent by the medical secretaries to the board's Deputy Medical Director for Acute expressing concerns regarding patients' access to the Rapid Access Chest Pain Clinic.
  - This was discussed at the recent meeting of the Primary-Secondary Interface where it was acknowledged that waiting times are a cause for concern and that there is a wide variation across GGC.
  - A short life working group will be convened to progress matters. This will include the GP Subcommittee, cardiology clinicians and acute managers.
  - Concern was also raised that the waiting time for urgent cardiology appointments is six to nine months and that this should be included in any consideration of future pathways for recent onset chest pain.

**GP Practice Workload & Sustainability**

**23/87**

1. GGC GP Sit Rep, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024-13<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Date	0	1a	1b	2	3	4	5	list closures
09/01/2024	0	143	77	7	0	0	0	7
16/01/2024	0	143	77	7	0	0	0	7
23/01/2024	0	143	77	7	0	0	0	8
30/01/2024	0	143	77	7	0	0	0	7
06/02/2024	0	143	78	6	0	0	0	7
13/02/2024	0	143	78	6	0	0	0	7

- This report was noted by the GP Subcommittee.

2. LMC GP Practice Situation Survey, 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024-6<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Week Beginning	Green	Green %	Amber	Amber %	Red	Red %	Black	Black %	Total Responses
01/01/2024	25	19.23%	74	56.92%	29	22.31%	2	1.54%	130
08/01/2024	25	20.16%	64	51.61%	31	25.00%	4	3.23%	124
15/01/2024	21	16.54%	78	61.42%	24	18.90%	4	3.15%	127
22/01/2024	23	17.83%	77	56.69%	28	21.71%	1	0.78%	129
29/01/2024	25	17.36%	82	56.94%	31	21.53%	6	4.17%	144
06/02/2024	17	14.53%	66	56.41%	29	24.79%	5	4.27%	117

- This report was noted by the GP Subcommittee.

**PCIP**

**23/88**

1. PCIP Oversight Group, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024
  - This report was noted by the GP Subcommittee.

**Sessional GPs**

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**23/89**

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

- The GP Subcommittee/LMC annual sessional GP Development day will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> March.
- This event is fully booked with 60 GPs having registered.
- Sessions will be provided on child and adult protection; CPR training; IT and service update; wellbeing for sessional GPs; and a chance to network with colleagues and the secretariat over lunch.

**Changes to Medical List**

**23/90**

- This paper was noted by the GP Subcommittee.

**Documents Requiring a Response**

**23/91**

1. Melatonin Prescribing for Adults (aged 16+)

- The board has proposed the standing down of the Melatonin Shared Care Agreement for Adults.
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- The suggestion is that the drug would remain on the formulary as being for specialist initiation.
- The indications for prescribing Melatonin would remain the same.
- It was commented that there are few side effects with this drug.
- This would be an unusual request to agree to given that the drug currently remains unlicensed for many of the patients for whom it is initiated by specialists.
- The proposal was felt to be reasonable but it was noted that it will be important to ensure that there is guidance available if this prescribing is to be taken over by GPs outwith a SCA , which deals with the unlicensed nature of the drug for indications that it is routinely initiated in by specialists, and that it does not just simply become marked as specialist initiation.
- The long waits for patients to be seen at the sleep disorder service was noted.
- There was some discussion about possible future changes in prescribing arrangements for Melatonin and it was agreed that a step wise change of standing down the SCA would be the best way to proceed.
- The board is alert to requests from CAMHS for GPs to initiate prescribing and this is being addressed, as this has not been agreed.

**General Practice Task Group**

**23/92**

- The report generated by the General Practice Task Group is a result of a collaborative piece of work undertaken by representatives of SGPC, the HSCP Chief Officers group and the health board chief executive group..
- This is a significant agreement on the challenges facing general practice which it is hoped will be influential nationally and useful as a basis for strategic discussions at board level.

**NHS GGC Chair**

**23/93**

1. The GP Subcommittee has sent a letter welcoming the health board's new Chair, Dr Lesley Thomson KC, to her post.

**GP Subcommittee/LMC Election 2024, Results**

**23/94**

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2. This paper was noted by the GP Subcommittee.

**GP Subcommittee/LMC Executive Election**

**23/95**

3. This paper was noted by the GP Subcommittee.

**GP Subcommittee Representation Required**

**23/96**

1. GP Out of Hours Quality Assurance Group
4. Further information will be sent to Dr Michael Anderson about attending this group.
- **Action point: email information regarding meetings.**

**Any Other Business**

**23/97**

1. Addictions Shared Care Agreement
    - Concerns were raised about the model of care being provided by the drug and alcohol services and the impact that this is having on practice participation within the Shared Care Agreement.
    - **Action Point: The secretariat will consider further action on this matter.**
  2. Protected Learning Time
    - It was noted that another board area appears to have the intention to employ GP cover to facilitate practice participation in PLT and questions were asked as to whether GGC had any intention of taking similar steps to support PLT in the board area..
    - The Deputy Medical Director for Primary Care advised the committee that discussions had been had with OOH ahead of the recent communication on PLT but that OOH had not been in a position to assist with covering practices when undertaking PLT and that there were no active plans in the board to support PLT beyond distributing centrally provided funding direct to practices.
    - It was agreed that this was disappointing and that it would be helpful for the Scottish Government to outline its plans for PLT funding for future years as the GP Subcommittee expected that the board would be able to support practices to have PLT reliably in future years and would be happy to start discussions with the board now about that .
- **Next Meeting of the GP Subcommittee-7.30pm, Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024, Teams**
  - **Next Meeting of the GP Subcommittee's Executive-7.30pm, Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024, Teams**