

## **MINUTES**

### **Meeting of the GP Subcommittee on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 7.30pm**

Venue- LMC Office

#### **Sederunt**

- Drs Katie Adair, Sally Al-Agilly, Michael Anderson, Gouri Bhat, Ronnie Burns, Maureen Byrne, Pearce Cusack, Mark Fawcett, Sheena Fraser, Ewan Gray, Peter Horne, Lynn Howie, John Ip, Waseem Khan, John Kyle, Susan Langridge, Allana MacRae, Veronica Mallon, Christopher Mansbridge, Chris McHugh, Hilary McNaughtan, Brian Milmore, Patricia Moultrie, Austin Nichol, Scott Queen, Dawn Rees, Michael Rennick, Stacy Russell, Jasmeet Singh, Alastair Taylor, David Taylor and Karen Taylor

#### **Chair**

- Dr Mark Fawcett, Chair of the Committee

#### **Attending**

- Marco Florence, Secretary to the Committee
- Elaine McLaren, Administration Officer for the Committee
- Allen Stevenson, Interim Director for Primary Care, NHS GGC

#### **Apologies**

- Drs Harminder Baryah, Gayle Dunnet, Helen Fox, Georgi Georgiev, Parisa Ghanbari, Joanna Hall, Gillian Leslie, Max Peluso, Harriet Rushworth, Victoria Shotton, Mark Storey and Graham Thompsom; Dr Ron Alexander and Christine Laverty
- **Members were reminded to declare any relevant conflicts of interest.**

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#### **GP Subcommittee/LMC Membership**

##### **24/66**

##### 1. Welcome to new members

- The GP Subcommittee/LMC welcomed new members Dr Veronica Mallon (East District) and Dr Hilary McNaughtan (Sessional GP).

#### **Minutes GP Subcommittee**

##### **24/67**

##### 1. Draft Minutes of the GP Subcommittee, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024, Paper GPSub 63

- The draft minutes were approved by the GP Subcommittee.

##### 2. Draft Minutes of the GP Subcommittee's Executive, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024, Paper GPSub 64

- The draft minutes were noted by the GP Subcommittee.

#### **Matters Arising**

##### **24/68**

- There were no matters arising.

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

##### **24/69**

##### 1. GGC GP Sit Rep, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 to 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024, Paper GPSub 65

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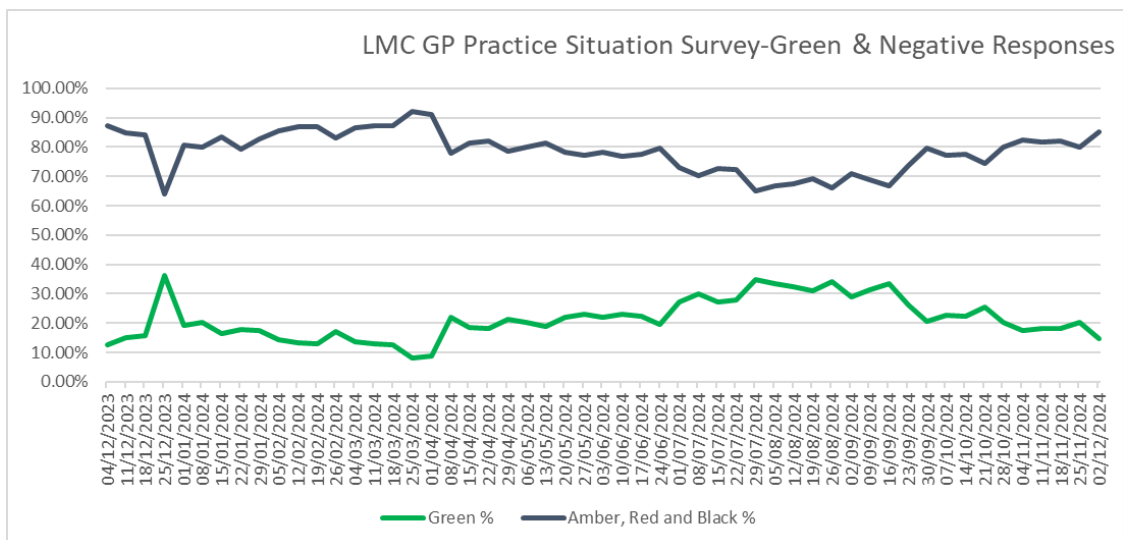
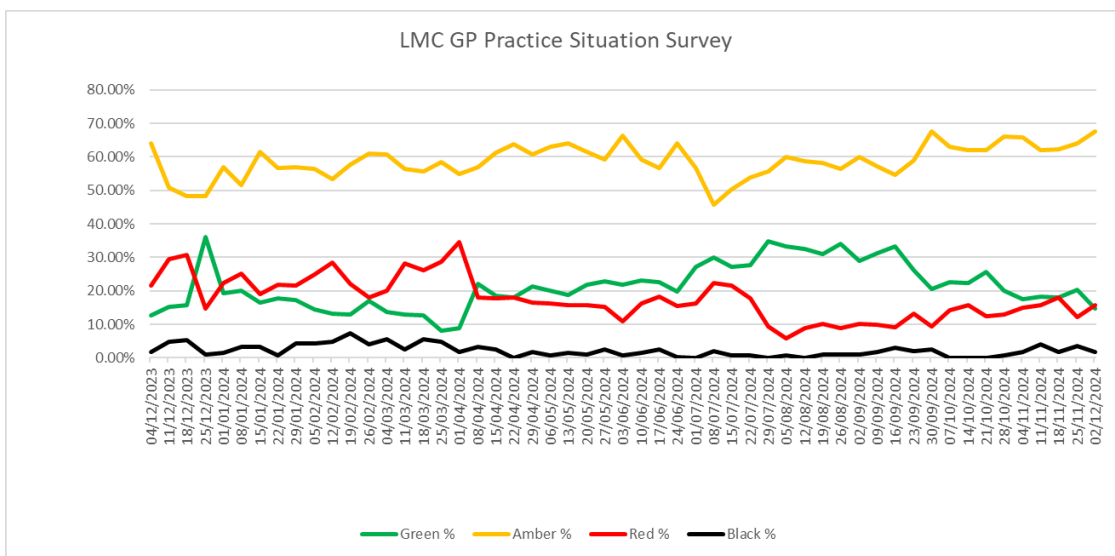
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- This paper was noted by the GP Subcommittee.

2. LMC GP Practice Situation Survey, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 to 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024, Paper GSub 66

Week Beginning	Green	Green %	Amber	Amber %	Red	Red %	Black	Black %	Amber, Red and Black %	Total Responses
04/11/2024	21	17.50%	79	65.83%	18	15.00%	2	1.67%	82.50%	120
11/11/2024	22	18.18%	75	61.98%	19	15.70%	5	4.13%	81.81%	121
18/11/2024	20	18.02%	69	62.16%	20	18.02%	2	1.80%	81.98%	111
25/11/2024	23	20.18%	73	64.04%	14	12.28%	4	3.51%	79.83%	114
02/12/2024	16	14.81%	73	67.59%	17	15.74%	2	1.85%	85.18%	108



- The LMC has now been running this survey for a year.
- It is proving to be a comprehensive survey of pressures in general practice.
- The survey data is being shared with board and HSCP colleagues.

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- No new funding was awarded to primary care for winter pressures by the Scottish Government. Board primary care leads are mindful of the need to support practices that are facing difficulties and are making clear to senior colleagues the pressures being felt in general practice.
- The survey being relatively quick for practices to complete is seen as a positive.
- The gathering of other data that may be useful will continue to be considered. There was caution expressed around capacity data and appointment numbers as these may not reflect pressure in practices as they are dependent on the available GP workforce.

#### **GMS eHealth**

##### **24/70**

- It was announced last week that INPS, the supplier of Vision, has gone into administration. National and Board IT leads have given assurance that full service continues to be provided at the current time.
- There are 19 practices in GGC that use Vision. All are hosted in the Cloud environment.
- The GP IT Reprovisioning programme has been paused.
- EMIS is due to withdraw its services from practices in June 2026.
- The potential impact of INPS going into administration is a significant concern for all GP practices. There is currently no clarity about the future of INPS and the longer term plans for service provision.
- The whole process for the current national GP IT Reprovisioning programme was felt to have been poor from the outset and this has been fed back to the Scottish Government.
- There is a risk of GPs deciding to leave general practice if the transition does not go well.
- Negative feedback on the new Vision system was also received.

#### **PCIP**

##### **24/71**

1. PCPB Strategy, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024, Paper GPSub\_56
  2. PCIP Oversight, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024, GPSub\_57
- These two papers were noted by the GP Subcommittee.

#### **Notes and Reports from Meetings, Paper GPSub\_58**

##### **24/72**

Report Number	Group	Date of Meeting
1	Clinical Sustainability Group (Climate)	22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2024
2	Clinical Sustainability Group (Climate)	14 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
3	Area Medical Committee	25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
4	Area Medical Committee	15 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
5	ADRS Shared Care SLWG	29 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
6	GMS Premises Group	30 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
7	Practice Nurse Forum	30 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
8	GMS eHealth Steering Group	31 <sup>st</sup> October 2024
9	GMS eHealth Steering Group	28 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
10	Heart MCN Executive	1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024
11	RMG	5 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
12	Overprescribing Steering Group	7 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
13	GP IT Reprovisioning Programme Board	7 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
14	Antibiotic Utilisation Committee	12 <sup>th</sup> November 2024

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15	GP Practice Sustainability and Support Group	13 <sup>th</sup> November
16	Adult Vaccinations	19 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
17	ND Service Development - Primary Care Interface	20 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
18	GGC Digital Dermatology Project Board	21 <sup>st</sup> November 2024

- 24/72.2, Clinical Sustainability Group (Climate)
- The importance of hand washing with soap rather than using alcohol hand gel was highlighted.
- The other reports were noted by the GP Subcommittee.

#### **Changes to Medical List, Paper GSub\_67**

##### **24/73**

- This paper was noted by the GP Subcommittee.

#### **Documents Requiring a Response**

##### **24/74**

1. Methotrexate Shared Care Agreement, Papers GSub 68 & GSub 69
  - Those patients taking Methotrexate via Subcutaneous injection should be taught to self administer this by secondary care.
  - Patients on higher doses of Methotrexate are eligible for the Shingles vaccine. However, the national searches for eligible patients are not showing these patients. It would be useful if the SCA could detail secondary care undertaking referrals for the Shingles vaccine.
  - Any dosage increases should take place every two weeks (and there should not be a blank space for this section within the clinic letter).
  - As well as telephone numbers, there should be email addresses available for advice.
  - The term “adequate supply” is vague.
  - It should be made clearer that there would be lines of communication between the patient and secondary care if specialist advice is required.
  - It would be useful if there were to be Shared Care Agreements for a drug, rather than for a drug’s use by a secondary care speciality. This would help to simplify matters.
2. Update to QFIT and colorectal national guidance, Papers GSub 70 and GSub 71
  - The aim of this update is to simplify the pathway and flows from a national document.
  - It is unclear if there will be separate templates for USOC and urgent pathways.
  - Significant concerns were raised about expectations of repeating QFITs.
  - Negative QFIT follow up testing currently sits with colorectal nurses. The proposed pathway for repeat QFIT tests needing to be undertaken in general practice would be a workload shift.
  - Concerns were raised that there was an expectation of a repeated QFIT which would lead to a patient’s other investigations/treatment being delayed.
  - A number of members highlighted concerns regarding the pathway being unclear.
  - The secretariat will consider discussing with the Lanarkshire GP Subcommittee on its position on QFIT.

#### **Area Amendment Request**

##### **24/75**

1. Rutland Surgery, 52202
  - The GP Subcommittee agreed to take no exception to this application to vary a practice’s area.

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**Dates of GP Subcommittee/LMC Meetings 2025/26, Paper GSub\_62  
24/76**

- This paper was noted by the GP Subcommittee.

**Any Other Business**

**24/77**

- There was no other business.
  
- **Next Meeting of the GP Subcommittee-7.30pm, Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025, Teams**
- **Next Meeting of the GP Subcommittee's Executive-7.30pm, Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025, Teams**