

**MINUTES**  
**Meeting of the GP Subcommittee**  
**on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7.30pm**

**Venue-** Teams

**Sederunt**

- Drs Katie Adair, Sally Al-Agilly, Michael Anderson, Harminder Baryah, Gouri Bhat, Maureen Byrne, Mark Fawcett, Sheena Fraser, Georgi Georgiev, Parisa Ghanbari, Ewan Gray, Joanna Hall, Peter Horne, Lynn Howie, John Ip, Sarah Johansen, Waseem Khan, John Kyle, Veronica Mallon, Christopher Mansbridge, Chris McHugh, Brian Milmore, Max Peluso, Scott Queen, Dawn Rees, Michael Rennick, Stacy Russell, Victoria Shotton, Jasmeet Singh, Mark Storey, David Taylor, Karen Taylor and Graham Thompson

**Chair**

- Dr Mark Fawcett, Chair of the Committee

**Attending**

- Marco Florence, Secretary to the Committee
- Elaine McLaren, Administration Officer for the Committee
- Dr Joanna Lowrie

**Apologies**

- Drs Ronnie Burns, Pearce Cusack, Gayle Dunnet, Helen Fox, Susan Langridge, Gillian Leslie, Alanna Macrae, Hilary McNaughtan, Patricia Moultrie, Austin Nichol, Harriet Rushworth, Alastair Taylor; Dr Ron Alexander, Christine Lavery and Allen Stevenson
- **Members were reminded to declare any relevant conflicts of interest.**

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**Observers**

**24/88**

- Dr Joanna Lowrie, an ST3 GP, was welcomed to the meeting as an observer.
- Christine Lavery is leaving her post as the Chief Officer at Renfrewshire HSCP and the Lead Chief Officer for Primary Care. Ms Lavery was thanked for her engagement with the GP Subcommittee.

**Minutes GP Subcommittee**

**24/89**

1. Draft Minutes of the GP Subcommittee, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025, Paper GPSub\_91
  - The draft minutes were approved by the GP Subcommittee.
2. Draft Minutes of the GP Subcommittee's Executive, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025, Paper GPSub\_92
  - The draft minutes were noted by the GP Subcommittee.

**Matters Arising**

**24/90**

- There were no matters arising.

**GP Practice Workload & Sustainability**

**24/91**

1. NHS GGC GP Sit Rep, 13th January 2025 to 10th February 2025, Paper GPSub\_93

Date	0	1a	1b	2	3	4	5	list closures
13/01/2025	0	210	4	10	0	0	0	9
20/01/2025	0	210	4	10	0	0	0	9
27/01/2025	0	210	4	10	0	0	0	9

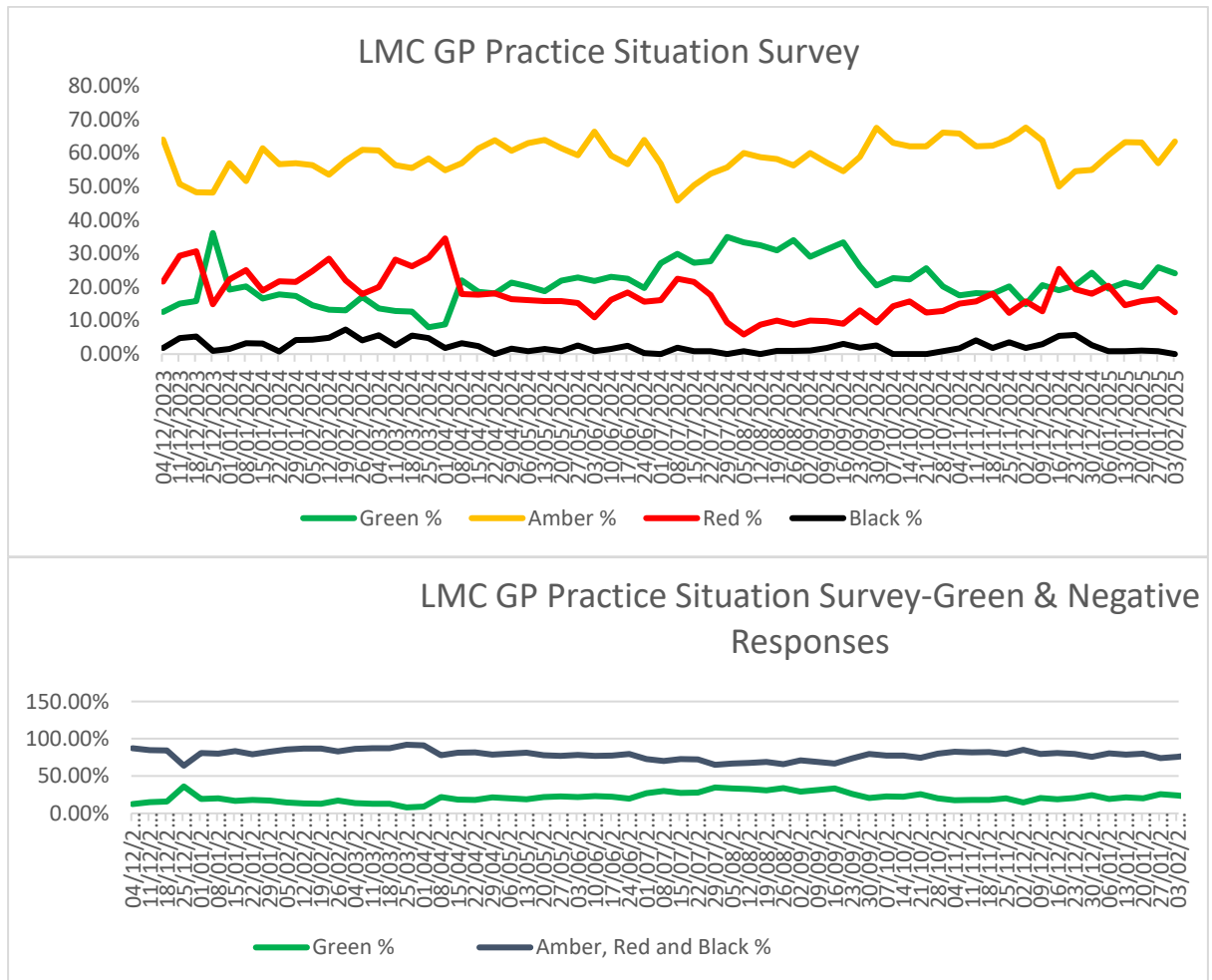
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03/02/2025	0	210	4	10	0	0	0	9
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- This paper was noted by the GP Subcommittee.
2. LMC GP Practice Situation Survey, 6th January 2025 to 3rd February 2025, Paper GPSub\_94
- Green**-Your practice felt able to manage its services and did not feel particular pressures.
  - Amber**- Your practice was able to cope but experienced some level of pressure during the week.
  - Red**-Your practice team felt extremely pressured.
  - Black**- Your practice was unable to meet workload demand safely.

Week Beginning	Green	Green %	Amber	Amber %	Red	Red %	Black	Black %	Total Responses
06/01/2025	23	19.49%	70	59.32%	24	20.34%	1	0.85%	118
13/01/2025	25	21.37%	74	63.25%	17	14.53%	1	0.85%	117
20/01/2025	19	20.00%	60	63.16%	15	15.79%	1	1.05%	95
13/01/2025	25	21.37%	74	63.25%	17	14.53%	1	0.85%	117
20/01/2025	19	20.00%	60	63.16%	15	15.79%	1	1.05%	95
27/01/2025	30	25.86%	66	56.90%	19	16.38%	1	0.86%	116
03/02/2025	27	24.11%	71	63.39%	14	12.50%	0	0.00%	112



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- This paper was noted by the GP Subcommittee.
3. Red Weather Warning
- Following the announcement of the red weather warning on 23<sup>rd</sup> January for 24<sup>th</sup> January, the GP Subcommittee/LMC contacted the board/HSCP primary care leads seeking guidance for practices. This was not forthcoming until shortly before close of business on 23<sup>rd</sup> January and contained very little guidance. The LMC shortly after the board's communication was issued distributed its own email communication to practices outlining that practices may feel that the board's email was of little value and that they should consider their own individual circumstances in response to the red weather warning which the LMC would support.
  - Concerns were raised that the board failed to show leadership in its communication to practices and to the public.
  - Expectations from the board regarding if practices were unable to open their physical premises would have been helpful. There was lack of information regarding their expectations of GP practices and any guidance on how to safely adapt services.
  - The guidance was felt to have taken a long time to come out and was felt to be too vague. A clearer position from the board to the public would have been helpful.
  - Members reported good examples of practices discussing the situation with other practices in their cluster and their CD.
  - A member highlighted that when they had to close their practice during the day owing to building safety issues, the CD and GMS Contracts Team were aware of this but that NHS 24 was advising patients to contact the practice.
  - Many non urgent HSCP and elective board services were paused for the day.
  - The difficulties surrounding prescribing when working remotely were highlighted.
  - The eHealth team's support for practices was recognised positively. It was however noted that there were challenges if too many members of a practice's team were utilising the remote access system.
  - GP practices were recognised as having taken decisions reflecting their own circumstances, working to keep services going in the way that had decided was possible and safe given the situation.
  - **Action Point: Provide feedback to the health board.**
4. Greenlaw Medical Practice
- The board/East Renfrewshire HSCP issued a communication to all practices in GGC on 13<sup>th</sup> February advising that the practice will close and that the HSCP will be seeking notes of interest from practices in both East Renfrewshire and Glasgow City South (as the practice has a branch surgery) to take on the practice's patients. On 14<sup>th</sup> February, practices in East Renfrewshire and Glasgow City South were sent details of how to lodge a notification of interest.
  - The GP Subcommittee/LMC's secretariat fed into the options paper, outlining its belief that this is a viable practice and that it should be put out to tender.
  - The risk of a viable and sustainable GP practice being lost in GGC will potentially have negative consequences on nearby practices.
  - On 12<sup>th</sup> February, the East Renfrewshire HSCP GP Forum was informed that the HSCP was to make this announcement.
  - It was reported that over 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February, 50 patients have decided to move to an alternative practice.

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- It was noted that practices in Glasgow City South had not been consulted about what capacity that they might have. It was also highlighted that patients heard this news before the practices in Glasgow City South.
- There are recent past examples of practice closure, such as from Port Glasgow and Paisley, which should have been looked to procedurally.
- **Action Point: Discuss process with HSCP**

**PCIP**

**24/92**

1. West Dunbartonshire HSCP-Community Links Workers
  - West Dunbartonshire HSCP plans to cut its Community Links Workers programme contract from 9WTE CLWs to 5 WTE CLWs.
  - The GP Subcommittee/LMC sent a position statement to the HSCP outlining that this should not happen as this service, as with all PCIP services, is there to take workload away from general practice, and that any reduction in service will lead to this workload falling back on GPs. MoU2 made clear that HSCPs should not disinvest CLW services.
  - It has been highlighted to the HSCP that the benefits of this service are not just for general practice but will be seen by the community, wider HSCP services and third sector services. The HSCP has been asked to consider if there are HSCP funds available to support the continuation of this service at its current level.
  - Following the suggestion of the GP Subcommittee PCIP representative, the HSCP approached the Scottish Government for additional resource for this funding gap but this has been rejected.
  - The benefits of this service and the risk of increasing GP workloads were highlighted in the event that this reduction of CLW provision were to take place.

**Notes and Reports from Meetings, Paper GPSub\_85**

**24/93**

Report Number	Group	Date of Meeting
1	ND Service Development – Primary Care Interface	15 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
2	Area Medical Committee	17 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
3	Adult Vaccination Group	21 <sup>st</sup> January 2025
4	Medicines Utilisation Subcommittee	22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2025
5	GP Editorial Board	22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2025
6	GMS eHealth Steering Group	23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025
7	Clinical sustainability group (climate)	23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025
8	Referral Management Group	28 <sup>th</sup> January 2025

- 24/93.1-Area Medical Committee, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025
- Jann Gardner is due to take up the role of Chief Executive of NHS GGC in February 2025.
- 24/93.3-Adult Vaccination Group, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025
- It was noted that some uptake data was included and it was queried whether there was any data on the uptake of the flu vaccination available.
- It was highlighted that vaccinations are no longer the remit of general practice.
- 24/93.6-GMS eHealth Steering Group, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025
- Concerns were raised that important messages for GPs are being missed with the move to documents not being sent as attachments in the weekly mailing and only available on

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Sharepoint. Members were reported finding it difficult to utilise Sharepoint and that they believed that fewer GPs were now reading the mailing owing to this.

- The issue of missing documents on Docman is being investigated.
- The other reports were noted by the GP Subcommittee.

#### **Sessional GPs**

##### **24/94**

- The annual GP Subcommittee/LMC Sessional GP Development Day will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

#### **Changes to Medical List, Paper GPSub\_90**

##### **24/95**

- This paper was noted by the GP Subcommittee.

#### **Area Amendment Request**

##### **24/96**

1. 87729, Westfield Medical Practice
- The GP Subcommittee agreed to take no exception to this application.

#### **Any Other Business**

##### **24/97**

- There was no other business.
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