

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Colleagues

We have issued the Primary Care Update from Scottish Government today. This includes a section on Mobilisation plans and the next phase of the NHS response. Boards have been asked to respond on a number of issues, including those from Primary Care.

With regards to NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde we have recognised that every GP Practice in the Board has continued to provide GMS throughout COVID-19 and have worked extremely hard to review their processes and access, embracing telephone and video consultations.

We are already considering how chronic disease management should and can be stepped up and are hoping that some of this will be guided by our discussions with the CQLs next week.

In the Primary Care Update from Scottish Government in the section headed Covid-19 mobilisation plans there is a statement around anticipatory care planning and delivery of care which mentions home visiting for patients who are shielding and the over 70s at risk. The Primary Care Clinical Advisory Group of NHS GGC have no expectation that all over 70s or shielding patients require home visits and have previously advised that individual risk assessments should be made when considering how to manage access and delivery of care in these groups.

Also in this section there is reference to “pre-referral diagnostic work”. In NHS GGC we have a good history of reaching agreements around patient pathways which encompasses pre-referral diagnostic work. We will continue to use existing structures and interface working across Acute and Primary Care to consider patient pathways which will, as before, require agreement from all relevant stake holders, including GP Subcommittee.

We are also already urgently considering how we can effectively and safely deliver the Flu vaccination programme this year.

Can we again thank you for all your hard work and support

Kind regards

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