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Dear Colleagues,

Community Pathway - Practice Emergency Contribution

The community pathway for Covid19 has been running since March 2020 when it was set up in a very short timescale to respond to the rise in Covid19 cases at that stage. This was part of a whole system response to Covid19 and the development of dedicated 'red' pathways. The model and capacity have evolved over the past 6 months in response to changes in demand and case definition, local experience and guidance.

Many sessional GPs and Practices have been supporting this pathway through providing regular shifts in the CACs and hub, which has helped to sustain the approach.

As we head into the winter period, with an anticipated rise in both seasonal respiratory illness and Covid19 cases, escalation measures have been reviewed to ensure that the pathway can remain viable.

Through agreement with the Glasgow Local Medical Committee, where expected demand exceeds available capacity to the extent that existing approaches are likely to be overwhelmed, GP Practices may be asked to provide additional support to the community pathway. The principles and processes for this are set out in the attached documents.

We appreciate the pressure that practices are under at the moment, and the significant input which you are already making to the community pathway. We also acknowledge the many other demands on practices, including the fast moving picture around Covid vaccination, and will keep this under review. While we hope to avoid reaching a stage where all practices are asked to support this, it is important that we plan for every eventuality.

In the meantime we would encourage all practices to continue taking up shifts within the Centres and the Hub. This has been very successful to date, and will help to reduce the risk of further escalation.

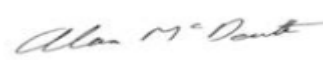
Yours faithfully



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