

Committee News

Dr Alastair Taylor has been elected as Chairman of the Committee. Alastair is a GP in the Kessington Medical Practice and has been our Vice-Chair for the past two years. Dr Mark Fawcett has been elected as Vice-Chairman with Dr Maureen Byrne as Treasurer. Our new Executive Committee members are Drs Ronnie Burns, Jim Mackenzie, William Macphee, Kerri Neylon and Raymund White.

Our thanks also go to Dr Michael Haughney our retiring Chairman who has been an excellent ambassador for the Committee in his four years as Chair helping to raise the Committee's and General Practice's profile in other healthcare sectors in Greater Glasgow and Clyde and beyond.

LMC Webpage

Due to popular demand we have now reviewed our old template letters and those that are still relevant can be found in our LMC template letters folder in the library section of the LMC webpage <http://www.glasgowlmc.co.uk/glasgow-lmc-library/>

Please let us know your suggestion for any other templates that you would like to see included and we will add them if possible.

Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVGs) Practice Responsibilities Just another reminder that practices are required to carry out PVG checks on their employed staff such as nurses, HCA and any non-clinical staff who may have one-to-one contact with patients or vulnerable groups. Employers have been given a three year period of grace in which to check their existing employees pre-2011. This obligation for retrospective checking went live on 29th October 2012 and ends in October this year.

If you have not already done so can we please encourage practices to register and carry out PVG checks on existing staff as soon as possible? Practices will be at risk of legal action if it is found that an existing employee is deemed unsuitable for working with vulnerable groups and the practice had not PVG checked relevant employees by this date.

Information on what is required can be found on <http://www.pvgscotland.org/>

Child Protection Training for GPs

The board recently issued the document Supporting GPs in Child Protection Work which covers many important aspects of child protection work within General Practice including a useful template child protection policy which practices may choose to amend and adopt.

Appendix 1 "Child Protection Training for GPs" and specifically Paragraph 2, has caused some concern as on brief reading it may appear to suggest that there is a mandatory requirement for GPs to undertake 6 hours CPD training over each 3 year period.

The LMC is fully supportive of the Board's efforts to facilitate child protection training for GPs. Such training is valuable and we agree that it will be of high priority for GPs. However our view is that the frequency and length of time spent on training in this area is a decision for each individual GP. There is no mandatory child protection training requirement for GPs in Scotland. Guidance within the intercollegiate document referred to in this paper states that "*GPs need to demonstrate that they are up to date and fit to practise in all aspects of their work. Level 3 describes the scope of work of GPs in relation to safeguarding children and young people. It is the responsibility of GPs to demonstrate that they maintain their competence.*"

We have made the board aware of our view on this and would be interested to hear if any attempts are made to mandate this training for GPs.

Important changes to sourcing locum cover through Glasgow Locum Group Practices should note that Glasgow Locum Group have notified us of important changes to the means by which practices will be able to contact members of the group when looking for Sessional GPs to undertake locum work. The old system whereby a group email is sent out to all members of GLG will cease. In the future practices will require to post details of vacancies on the website discussion boards and GLG members will contact practices directly to discuss arrangements. The group have a new website. Practices require to register on the new website if they wish to continue to arrange locums through this group. This service remains free to practices.

To register on the new website and continue to source locums through Glasgow Locum Group register at <https://www.glasgowlocumgroup.org/register.php?t=practice>

Travel Advice

Over the last few weeks we have had quite an increase in queries about charging patients for travel advice. Unfortunately, you cannot charge your registered patients for advice relating to travel.

UK LMC Conference – May 21st and 22nd 2015 Seven GLMC representatives will be travelling to London for the UK LMC Conference

which is being held on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd May. Dr Michael Haughney will be the first Glasgow speaker with a motion on unsustainable workload to be debated at 10:30am. Dr Alan McDevitt will be the first Chairman of the devolved nations to present to conference and will be speaking about the development of new models of care in Scotland around 2:15pm. A live webcam will be available for colleagues who may wish to watch proceedings. Details of this year's conference can be found here <http://bma.org.uk/events/2015/may/lmc-conference-day-one>

IT Update

EMIS Web streaming & Server updates

Emis Web can be useful for practices when systems are down for the Windows Server 2007 upgrade. IT Support has stressed that these are software upgrades and not new servers for the majority of practices. Upgrade will include some additional memory and a good clean out of dust! However can we highlight that the best thing about EMIS web is the benefits it brings for business continuity. Louise McTaggart, IT Mentoring Team, is also organising some EMIS Web search training for practices.

Lablinks & GP Order Comms

The roll out of order comms is progressing rapidly. There have been discussions about whether this was now a key functionality for GP practices and feedback reports from practices already using the system has been very favourable. It is hoped that Virology will be included in July/August. A pilot of radiology results back to lab imports is also due to be switched on 2nd June. If your practice has not expressed an interest in GP Order Comms please get in touch with IT support.

Future of Remote access

This will be a software-token service. The plan remains for two licences per practice as before. This will be more convenient for colleagues as you won't need a physical token but just nhs.net account. However as you won't be able to swap a token between members of practice more licences may be required.

Docman

The Board are ready to roll out latest update. There was some concern regarding whether training will be needed for the new look Docman and it has been suggested that a short training manual would be better than lunchtime meetings. This will be piloted with a small number of practices and if successful will be rolled out shortly thereafter.

Single Sign On

IT Support are ready to release the new version which is much better as thanks to LMC Committee member Dr Alex Potter (our thanks to Alex) and now includes

patient context which will allow it to open SCI Store or Portal in the correct patient! It will also open SCI Gateway without the need to enter a password in consultation which would be useful for eMCCDs. You can now switch off automatic change of passwords which sometimes locks people out of systems and we encourage our colleagues to use the new system.

Third Party Users

Please be aware that suppliers can only get access to our GP systems to give remote assistance etc. if they are signed up to SWAN (new N3). We are suggesting that the Board has a list of suppliers who have permission to remotely access systems and practices should be aware of this when purchasing 3rd party software e.g. check in screens/digital dictation software.

Validium Counselling Services

This is a completely confidential service for all GPs in Greater Glasgow & Clyde, including Sessional GPs on the GG&C Performer's List. Validium employ a group of experienced accredited counsellors who can be contacted 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. This confidential service can be accessed by telephone on **0800 358 4858**.

New GP Contract Negotiations

Whilst the SGPC/BMA Roadshows may be over your SGPC negotiators are still keen to hear your views on a new GP contract for Scotland. Please email any thoughts/ideas/comments you may have to info.gpscotland@bma.org.uk

eMCCD SCI tabs

The new electronic system of Medical Certification of Cause of Death (MCCD) came into force on Wednesday 13th May. Please be aware that you have to 'click' eMCCD rather than notification and that there are now a lot of choices in the new messages section which are:-

- Additional Death Information
- Death Notification
- eMCCD
- Referral

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