**GLASGOW LMC LIMITED E-NEWS February 2017**

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**nnual End of Year Meeting** the LMC will hold its annual end of year meeting on the evening of Tuesday 28th March 2017 in the Carnegie Lecture Theatre at Glasgow Caledonia University. We hope there will be a clearer picture of the 2017/18 GP Contract by then. At the meeting GPs, Practice Managers and Practice Nurses will have a chance to discuss workload, recruitment and retention and other aspects of General Practice both at local and national level. Although no BMA roadshows are planned this year we hope our annual end of year meeting will give colleagues an opportunity to discuss any contract announcements from the Scottish LMC conference on 10th March.

We also have a **Practice Manager’s event** planned for the afternoon of Wednesday 22nd March and details of that will be sent out shortly and there are still places available for our **Sessional Development Day** on Saturday 18th March please email [mary.fingland@glasgow-lmc.co.uk](mailto:mary.fingland@glasgow-lmc.co.uk) for details.

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**lasgow LMC Ltd – Annual General Meeting**

The LMC Ltd AGM will take place after our annual end of year meeting on Tuesday 28th March 2017.

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**GPC GP Vacancies Survey 2016**

May we thank those practices who have taken the time to complete the SGPC quarterly surveys during 2016. The SGPC quarterly surveys will continue in 2017 and the results are being used to great effect to highlight recruitment difficulties on a national level. Glasgow LMC intends to use the information submitted by our Glasgow & Clyde practices as a tool to demonstrate the pressures facing our colleagues and the lack of capacity in General Practice to absorb work transferred into the community from other sectors.

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**cottish Ambulance Service and GP Ambulances**

There have been some concerns raised by practices over the past few months about the response times to GP calls for emergency ambulances. The service has confirmed that no GP calls are de-prioritised solely because a doctor is in attendance. However they have stated that there may be wider constraints on its service at the time of the call which may result in delays. Can we therefore ask that you forward any complaints directly to the service using the form which has been emailed separately with a copy to the LMC office. The forms can be emailed to [scotamb.complaints@nhs.net](mailto:scotamb.complaints@nhs.net)

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**onsultant to Consultant Referrals**

This continues to be a concern for General Practice. We remind you that this statement was agreed between the LMC and the Health Board Medical Directors in 2013-

*“In most circumstances if a secondary care clinician decides that onward referral is required then they should take responsibility for this and not pass this back to the GP. The following exceptions apply:*

* *Where the condition or symptoms requiring onward  referral are unrelated to the basis for the original referral the GP should be advised of that to enable their decision on further management*
* *When a referral requires additional information held by primary care it would be appropriate to ask the GP to make the referral.*

*When a consultant does make an onward referral they will inform the GP who will retain clinical responsibility for the patient. If the patient does not wish to be referred on the GP will be notified of that position.*

*Accident and Emergency Referrals*

*Where a patient attending A&E requires further routine referral that should be communicated to the GP so that a full referral can be made and supervised by the GP.   With the exception of referrals required as a direct result of an emergency presenting problem it is not possible for A&E to make routine referrals to other specialties without the full clinical information which GPs hold.”*

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**rthotics Web Re-access Project**

 This is a project which has been funded by the Scottish Government to improve access to Orthotic Services across Scotland and is supported by the Scottish Clinical Orthotic Leads Group. The aim of this project is to create an online self-referral tool for patients that will allow them to re-access orthotic services for reassessment, re-issue of existing orthoses, request review or repair of orthoses. The website will produce SCI Gateway referrals to the patients’ local Orthotic Service. This website will also support self-management through the provision of video guidance and leaflets. The website is in the pilot stage and it is hoped that the service will be ready for implementation by the end of March 2017 but this is dependent on the outcome of wider scale testing and integration with SCI Gateway.

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**odiatry Services**

Following the service’s intention to withdraw from routinely screening those diabetic patients assessed as being low risk, the LMC is in discussions with the Board to try to agree alternative provision of this screening.  Our understanding is that moderate and high risk feet will continue to be seen at podiatry and if practices are being told differently can they please send us details and the LMC will look into it.  In the hiatus, practices will have to determine what capacity they have to provide this service on a temporary basis. Please be aware that the LMC have not accepted that this is a GP responsibility.  We would also suggest practices contact their CDs to enquire what alternative provision the HSCP is making for screening of low risk patients.

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**ractice Nurse Update**

NMC Registration.The NMC have changed their payment terms for registrants, so that smaller payments can be made instead of the annual sum. Whilst this payment method can be helpful, registrants and employers must be aware that if **any payment** is not received by the NMC then a lapse in registration will occur. Practices and Practice Nurses should be aware that reinstatement onto the NMC Register is not automatic and can take a significant period of time. If you need any further information on this please contact the Practice Nurse Support and Development Team.

Practice Nurse Learning Tables

The Practice Nurse Support and Development Team have developed a learning resource which is of relevance to Practice Nurses, HCSWs and may be particularly useful to new members of staff. In addition to learning material it contains contact details for services which are kept up to date by the PNSDT. New learning tables are added periodically. The resources are available on Staffnet at:-

<http://www.staffnet.ggc.scot.nhs.uk/Partnerships/Greater%20Glasgow%20and%20Clyde%20Services/Primary%20Care%20Support/Practice%20Nurses/Pages/default.aspx>

The PNSDT generic email is [PNA.Team@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:PNA.Team@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)

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**cottish Government Health and Sport Committee Inquiries**

For those colleagues who may have a special interest, the Health and Sport Committee has launched the following inquiries into Health Care in Prisons and the Preventative Agenda.

1. Healthcare in Prisons. Full details of the Inquiry can be found on the Committee’s website: <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/103318.aspx>

Any submissions should be sent to [healthandsport@parliament.scot](mailto:healthandsport@parliament.scot) by 28 February 2017. The Committee’s normal practice is to publish all relevant evidence that is sent to us on their website and they may also include it in the hard copy of any committee report.

1. Preventative Agenda. Full details of the Inquiry can be found on the Committee’s website: <http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/103323.aspx>

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**ravel and Confirmation of Vaccination Certificates**

As some countries have changed their entry requirements practices have been in contact about an increasing number of requests for confirmation of vaccination certificates. As this is non NHS work, practices are able to charge for these certificates.

**From the Team at the LMC**