

April Issue

Newsletter

GLASGOW LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE LIMITED.

Welcome to the Easter Glasgow LMC newsletter. As we pass the first anniversary of the new GP Contract, it has been a busy time for the LMC and GP Subcommittee. We want to update GPs and practices to keep you abreast of the work that we have been doing in the committee. We hope you all have a good Easter break.

Election of Office Bearers

Dr Alastair Taylor has served his full 4 year term as Chair of the LMC and GP Subcommittee and steps down in April. We thank Dr Taylor for the important work he has done over the past 4 years in chairing the committees and for steering the initial implementation of the new GP Contract. He remains an LMC member and we will value his continued contribution to the committee.

Dr Alan McDevitt has been elected as the new Chair of the LMC and GP Subcommittee. Dr McDevitt is a past Chair of SGPC and a GP in Clydebank. He was integral in the negotiations and national implementation of the 2018 Scottish GP Contract. As LMC and GP Subcommittee Chair, he will bring his national expertise and insight to the committee.

Dr Maureen Byrne has been elected as Vice Chair of the committee. A GP in Johnstone, Dr Byrne has previously served as Treasurer of the LMC.

Dr Vicky Clark who is a GP in West Glasgow, has been elected LMC Treasurer.

The following LMC members have been elected onto the Executive Committee- Drs Ronnie Burns, Mark Fawcett, Hilary McNaughtan, Michael Rennick and Raymund White.

New Contract Implementation

The Primary Care Improvement Plans (PCIP) in each of the HSCPs are the implementation plans of the new GP Contract. Each of the plans describes the funding and the recruitment of new staff and deployment of services. The plans are required to be fully agreed by the GP Subcommittee and we have been involved at Board and HSCP level in their implementation. We continue our representative role in the Primary Care Programme Board which meets every month to oversee the implementation across the whole of GG&C.

The first versions of the plans were agreed in July 2018. The next iteration of the plans is currently in development for 2019/20. Each of the HSCPs has a designated GP Subcommittee representative working with the HSCP to update the PCIP in their area. We also have lead GPs working with the Board in planning the various Contract Workstreams. It is vital that implementation of the new contract has a strong GP voice and we welcome any feedback from GPs about what is happening in their area.

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HSCP GP Subcommittee Representatives

- Glasgow City - Dr Hilary McNaughtan
- East Dunbartonshire - Dr Alastair Taylor
- West Dunbartonshire - Dr Alex Potter
- Inverclyde - Dr Gayle Dunnett
- Renfrewshire - Dr Gordon Forrest
- East Renfrewshire - Dr Chris Mansbridge

Workstream Leads

- Vaccination - Dr Raymund White
- Pharmacotherapy - Dr Maureen Byrne
- Community Treatment and Care Service - Dr Hilary McNaughtan
- Mental Health - Dr Vicky Clark
- Physiotherapy - Dr John Ip

Local Enhanced Services update

The 2019/20 LES programme is currently being agreed with the Board. The specifications of most Enhanced Services will change very little in keeping with the stability agreement with the Board. Practices will be receiving the current specifications very soon.

Sandyford Services

We have been very concerned recent closures of Sandyford Services across the Board area. GPs have been informed us of the issues affecting the Sandyford service in their areas including the long waits for appointments at the service. We are in communication with the Chair of the

Health Board and with the Chief Officer of Glasgow HSCP which hosts the service. We have repeatedly detailed the concerns of the committee and the anger of GPs around the lack of service and increasing impact on GP workload. We have also expressed our unhappiness about the situation nationally to SGPC and to Scottish Government. We will continue to challenge the Board and HSCP, and to resist unfunded transfer of workload to general practice.

GP Out of Hours Meeting

The LMC has been notified of many concerns raised by GPs about the working conditions, rota gaps and patient waits in the GP OOHs service. In response, we are hosting a meeting of GPs who work in the OOHs service at **7pm on Wednesday 24th April in the LMC Office**. We want to hear from GPs who work in the OOHs service about their experience so that we can take forward the issues directly to the Board. Due to limited space, please contact the LMC if you plan to attend the meeting.

Glasgow City GP meeting

The LMC hosted a meeting with Glasgow City GPs on 16th April to hear about the current issues around PCIP implementation. The GPs gave a good account of the positive and negative aspects of how new staff are being deployed and the way new services are being developed in practices across the city. It was felt to be a useful forum for GPs to express their views and we plan to hold

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further similar meetings for all GPs in the coming months.

GPs' Email Contact

The LMC sent a letter to all practice based GPs asking for their personal email address and consent for the LMC to use. We hope to gather a full database of GPs' email addresses so that we can communicate directly to GPs when there is important LMC and Contract related information. We encourage all GPs to respond either by return of mail or via the web survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8R8HH3M>.

GP Data Collection

As part of the 2018 GP Contract agreement, practices will be required to supply information to SGPC and the Scottish Government. This national exercise is to inform Phase 2 of the Contract. Data will be collected about the practice workforce, the expenses of running the practice and the income of salaried and partner GPs in the practice. Confidentiality of all GPs' and practice data is paramount and we will be ensuring that the process is secure and that data released to SGPC and to Scottish Government will be anonymised and non-identifiable.

Sessional GPs Superannuation Payments

Please note the letter of 3rd April from NSS Practitioners Service Division which advised of an important change to arrangements for submission of Forms A and B for the financial year 18-19. PSD have advised that all

Forms A and B relating to the financial year 2018/19 must be received by them by 8 May 2019. Any forms for 2018/19 received after that date will not be accepted and will be returned. Therefore, please ensure that Form As for the financial year 2018/19 are completed and returned to any Sessional GPs who have worked in the practice promptly to allow Sessional GPs the opportunity to meet this deadline and superannuate their earnings.

Patient Registration Guidance

We still get queries into the office about registering patients especially those from overseas or visitors to Scotland. Can we direct practices to the Scottish Government guidance which can be found in the library section of on our website in the contract and contractual issues, overseas visitors and patient registration folders <https://www.glasgowlmc.co.uk/glasgow-lmc-library/>

LMC Website and Vacancies

Just a reminder to our voluntary levy paying practices that you can advertise your vacancies free of charge by completing the vacancy form on the website.

From the Team at the LMC

Dr Alan McDevitt Chair
Dr Maureen Byrne Vice-Chair
Dr John Ip Medical Director
Dr Patricia Moultrie Medical Director
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