



9th March 2021

To Sessional GPs

It has been almost a year since our last comms specifically for sessional GPs. The past year has been a difficult and tiring one but it has also underlined the incredible importance of the role of GPs and practices. There has been a huge amount of information sent out for GPs to read. We at the LMC have sought to bring together the most important items in our regular comms. As ever, the LMC is available to sessional GPs if you need our advice. Queries can be submitted by using the contact us form on our [website](#) or by calling the office on 0141 332 8081.

Sessional GP Event

The LMC held a Sessional GP Development Zoom session on Saturday 27th February which was attended by over 35 GPs. We were delighted to see so many of our sessional and locum colleagues. Topics covered included Child Protection Training (thank you to Dr Kerry Milligan), working as a GP locum over the pandemic, and GGC Service & IT update. We hope colleagues found the session useful and we look forward to seeing you in person in future development sessions. This comms seeks to build on that and also provide some of the information that was provided at it for those sessional GPs who were unable to attend the event. Thank you to those who have taken the time to provide feedback on the event.

Service Update

Most practices in Greater Glasgow and Clyde are operating at level one, with a few at level two. Escalation has provided practices with flexibility to allow them to prioritise their work when necessary. The community pathway has allowed the cohorting and streaming of Covid illness away from GP practices. Sessional GPs have played a hugely valuable role in ensuring that the community pathway, the remote triage hub and the CACs, have been supported to meet the needs of patients. The Committee have noted the important part that sessional GPs have played in this. We are also very aware of the efforts provided by sessional GP in relation to NHS GGC's out of hours service, which is so important to our patients.

We wish to ensure that all sessional GPs are aware of the Coronavirus (COVID-19): model salaried GP contract (here <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-model-salaried-gp-contract/>) which boards can offer which for a minimum time commitment provides both sickness and death in service benefits and is intended to be available as an option to GPs working in eg GPOOHs and the Covid Community Pathway.

Covid Vaccinations

Frontline healthcare workers, including sessional GPs, have started to receive the second dose of the Covid vaccination. We are also grateful to sessional GPs who are assisting with the delivery of the Covid vaccination.

Remobilisation

As we progress through the pandemic, the NHS is considering how to recover to previous levels of activity safely. The health board submits mobilisation plans, covering primary and secondary care, which the government considers nationally. The LMC is continuing to engage with the health board about how remobilisation happens. We will ensure that general practice is recognised in these discussions and that consideration is given to the need for GP and workforce recovery from the efforts of the past year.

Survey

We would like to thank those sessional GPs who responded to our recent survey. The data is anonymous. The results will be analysed and utilised so that we can take forward the interests of sessional GPs in GGC.

Child protection

We want to highlight that COVID has resulted in a number of additional risks to children's safety that is important for GPs and their teams to consider. There has been a reduction in some of the normal protective safeguards for children- being in school, extended family support and a reduction in some community services. This makes children more vulnerable and in particular some children with disabilities are less visible. Parents and carers have also experienced increases in stressors- financial challenges, poverty and mental health difficulties. General Practice remains central both in the identification of families who are vulnerable and struggling and also able to provide advice and support. GP Child Protection Pathways:

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- [GP Child Protection Pathways July 2020](#)
- [GGC NOC Child Protection Protocol 280820](#)

Wellbeing

Health and Social Care professionals now have access to a new specialist service offering confidential mental health assessment and treatment. The Workforce Specialist Service will be delivered by experts with experience in treating a range of issues such as stress, anxiety, depression, or addiction, with a focus on the impact this may have on a person's work. Find out more about what the service provides and how to refer yourself by visiting: [The Workforce Specialist Service \(WSS\) - PRoMIS | National Wellbeing Hub for those working in Health and Social Care](#) or you can also email prac.health@nhs.net or call 0300 0303 300. [The National Wellbeing Hub](#) also has other resources GPs who are concerned about their wellbeing may wish to have a look at.

IT

The upgrade to Windows 10 will see all PCs in practices updated. The work needed will take a day for each practice and across GGC will likely last between six and eight months. The long term gain in terms of IT performance will be worth it.

EMIS, InPS and Microtest have been awarded contracts for the re-provisioning of GP clinical systems. We are in tranche one of the development. There will be a migration to the new system. There has been major work undertaken in terms of the Office 365 upgrade and the move to the NHS.Scot email system.

All practices should now have had their patient records back scanned.

Mailing List

We have a mailing list for sessional GPs who practise in GGC. If you would like to sign up please send your details to us via [Glasgow LMC- Sessional GP Email & Consent Survey \(surveymonkey.co.uk\)](#) or by emailing elaine.mclaren@glasgow-lmc.co.uk advising that it is the sessional mailing list that you wish to be added to. Members of the mailing list receive communications such as these directly from the LMC.

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Our website is www.glasgowlmc.co.uk

Covid-19 Advice Deck

A reminder about the Guidance developed by the Covid-19 Primary Care Clinical Advisory Group

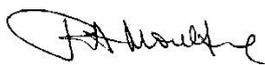
- [GP Advice Cover Note](#)
- [Advice 1. Covid-19 Triage Pathway](#)
- [Advice 2. Cleaning Advice](#)
- [Advice 3. Respiratory Appointment](#)
- [Advice 4. Home Visit](#)
- [Advice 5. Child Triage](#)
- [Advice 6. Clinical Distancing](#)

The Pathway for Non Covid Presentations in patients who are a Covid Infection Risk (Updated- Please note that the self-isolation period is now 10 days)

- [Covid-19 Asymptomatic Non Covid Presentations](#)

With warm regards and all best wishes to you all.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Patricia Moultrie

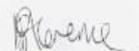
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