



## GLASGOW LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE LIMITED

### COVID PRACTICE COMMUNICATION NO 12

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#### To All GPs and GP Practices

We hope you and your families have kept well this week. We will enter elements of Phase 2 of the [Route Map](#) from Friday as announced by the First Minister this week. In addition, the rest of the NHS and screening services are beginning to restart services albeit in a phased manner with reduced capacity. We know that general practice will need support and guidance to manage this challenging transition period. We are working with local and national groups on this.

The full LMC and GP Subcommittee meet on Monday this week. Members gave advice and views on many issues including acute referral pathways, Flu immunisation planning, the Community Pathway, and PCIP Implementation. As we head into the summer, the Executive Committee will take forward all LMC and GP Subcommittee business and will continue to meet.

#### July & August Public Holiday

We can confirm that the Public Holidays over July and August for GP practices can go ahead. Practices can close and take it the Fair Mondays. This is much needed, and we thank practices for staying open over the 4 Easter and May public holidays.

#### Cervical Screening Remobilisation

National and local discussions are taking place about the restarting of the Cervical Screening Programme which was suspended in March. The anticipated date for restarting is the second half of July 2020. We are pushing for a gradual restart to the programme and an initial focus on the non-routine smears. Current guidance on [PPE is available on here](#). Also, the British Society of Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology has [advice on PPE](#).

**Practices should now be considering their capacity and the available workforce for this.**

#### Covid Test Results

From next week, practices will be receiving Covid testing results via EDT. These are tests that have been put through the National Testing labs e.g. Glasgow Airport, army mobile testing, and the National Portal. Tested individuals are sent their results via text. These results coming in from EDT will be clearly marked "UK Covid-19 Test Report".

**There is NO ACTION required from GP practices with regards to these results.**

#### Referral Pathways

The Committee have been involved in the review of the Colorectal Referral pathway. We are working with Secondary Care colleagues to jointly agree a revised pathway. We wish to highlight to GPs that **qFIT** will be an important test for patients as part of the revised pathway.

We are also involved in other development including proposals for a direct CT CAP referral for patients with unidentified suspected malignancy, and also with updates to the Asthma referral and Heart Failure pathway.

### Secondary Care Bloods

We are hearing from many GPs and practices of Secondary Care asking for bloods to be done by practices. We would urge practices to carefully consider this unfunded, non-agreed workload and clinical responsibility transfer before accepting these requests. We know that there is currently active planning taking place with Army expertise to expand Secondary Care phlebotomy in the community. Our position remains that Secondary Care workload should not be absorbed into General Practice.

We will continue our work to develop phlebotomy for GP practices as part of the Community Treatment and Care (CTAC) service to reduce practice workload.

### Wellbeing

We are acutely aware of the ongoing stress that exists within practices and would like to highlight that there are a number of charities which GPs can turn to for help. [The Cameron Fund is the GPs' own charity](#) and the only medical charity which solely supports NHS General Practitioners. This includes GP Trainees, working GPs, retired GPs, as well as dependants of GPs. The Fund helps GPs and their families who are suffering financial hardship, whether through physical or mental ill-health, disability, bereavement or loss of employment and can help with money advice assessments and career coaching for those who may no longer be able to continue to work as a GP.

Contact details are: [info@cameronfund.org.uk](mailto:info@cameronfund.org.uk) 020 7388 0796 [www.cameronfund.org.uk](http://www.cameronfund.org.uk)

There are a number of other charities each of which have their own particular focusses. These can be found on the link below where there is a tool to direct to the right place to seek advice about individual financial situations-


<https://bmacharities.org.uk/get-help/money-advice>

### Fortnightly Practice Communications

From this week onwards over the summer, we plan to give GPs and practices a fortnightly practice update with our usual Document Highlight List. This will help us in the LMC office manage our workload over the summer but still keeping you up to date with all the developments.

With warm regards and all best wishes to you all.

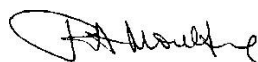
Yours sincerely,



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Chair



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## **LMC Weekly Document Highlight List**

Please be aware that this is NOT a comprehensive list of all the available guidance that has been sent to GPs. These are the current key documents which we feel are important to GP practices. Please make sure that your practice's generic NHSmail box is monitored daily.

### **Shielding**

Update to advice for shielded people

- [CMO Letter to Clinicians - 18 June 2020](#)
- [Info for healthcare colleagues](#)
- [Shielding Changes - FAQs - 11 June 2020](#)

NHSGGC Core Brief- Guidance on Social Distancing within the Workplace

- [CB 142 - 17 June 2020](#)

Letter to GPs from Dr Jude Marshall about Care Homes

- [Care Home letter 10.6.20](#)

Sessional GPs- Covid-19 Care Home Support Pack

- [SESSIONAL GP - Care Pack](#)