



GLASGOW LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE LIMITED

COVID PRACTICE COMMUNICATION NO 22

20th November 2020

To All GPs and GP Practices

Welcome again to the LMC Covid Update. We hope that you and your teams have been well. A lot has happened since the last communication- additional restrictions will be upon us soon as most of the Board area will be going into Level 4 today. The LMC office remains open currently but we encourage GPs and practice managers to make use of our [Contact Us form](#) or the [LMC admin email](#) for queries so that we can more effectively manage the office workflow.

There have been discussions with Scottish Government about the Covid vaccine programme and the issue of the festive public holidays. We have been preparing for Mary Fingland's retirement, and bringing our new Business Coordinator Marco Florence up to speed with everything at the LMC.

New Business Coordinator Bio

Marco is a graduate of Edinburgh University and worked in politics in a public facing role for a number of years before joining the LMC. Marco brings a wealth of experience and looks forward to promoting the interests of general practice to a wider audience. Marco is a Dundonian who has recently moved to Glasgow and is looking forward to exploring the city.

GP and Practice Manager Zoom Meeting

We are holding a virtual meeting for GGC GPs and practice managers on **Wednesday 25th November 2020 at 7pm via Zoom**. The meeting will be an opportunity to discuss the arrangements for the Covid vaccination programme and the GP practice festive public holidays. The Zoom joining instructions have been previously emailed to GPs and to practices' mailbox. We will send a reminder out next week. Hope to see you there!

Covid Vaccine

Scottish Government have announced details of the Covid vaccination plans. The first groups that will be immunised include older care home residents and care home staff, front line health and care staff, and those aged 80 and over.

We understand that the national DES specification will leave a lot of detail to Boards and LMCs to agree locally. The LMC has begun discussions with the Board about how the programme will be delivered in GGC and what will be expected of GP practices. We are mindful of the current pressures on GP practices and also the logistical and storage challenges with the new vaccine.

Festive Public Holidays

SGPC and Scottish Government have reached agreement that GP practices will not be asked to open for any the 4 public holidays (25th and 28th December, and 1st and 4th January). However, SGPC have accepted that GPs will be required to support both the Community Pathway- CACs and Hubs, as well as the GP Out of Hours Service over the festive breaks. We are in discussions with the Board about a local service for Care Home patients over the public

holidays. This will be a LES to provide GP input to your own practice's patients in Care Homes during the 4 public holidays.

Reporting of deaths during Covid pandemic

A reminder to GPs of the ongoing requirement that the following deaths need to be reported to the Procurator Fiscal prior to issuing an eMCCD-

- all Covid-19 or presumed Covid-19 deaths where the deceased might have contracted the virus in the course of their employment or occupation.
- all Covid-19 or presumed Covid-19 deaths where the deceased was resident in a care home when the virus was contracted

The preferred method for reporting is SCI Gateway- New Message | Death Notification using the electronic template.

Community Respiratory Response Team

The GGC wide CRRT has been re-established in response the rising number of Covid infections. The service will operate Monday to Saturday 8am to 4pm with a 2pm cut off for same day review. The service documents and referral guidelines are below in the Highlight List.

Health and Sport Committee

The Scottish Parliament's Health Committee published its [pre-budget report](#) recently. We are grateful for the positive comments by Jane Grant the Chief Executive of NHSGGC about the Community Pathway and the support given by general practice. She told the committee-

We set up the community assessment centres and the GP hubs. GPs have been supporting those processes, which means that they have had to augment or change their normal ways of practice working in order that they can help us in the community hubs and GP hubs. They have done significant additional work on top of their normal day job, and in a different way. GPs have supported the whole system across Greater Glasgow and Clyde very well. Had we not had the community assessment centres, GP hubs and so on, we would not have been able to separate the Covid-19 and non-Covid-19 pathways.

Mary's Retirement

This is Mary's last newsletter before she formally retires. We held a virtual Retirement Do on Thursday 19th November which was attended by many GPs and practice managers. It was great to see so many friends and colleagues on Zoom who have known and worked with Mary over the years. On behalf of the LMC, the Committee, and GPs and GP practices, we thank Mary for her 20 years' of service and wish her very good health and happiness in her retirement.

With warm regards and all best wishes to you all.

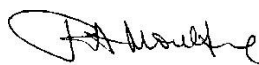
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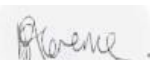
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LMC Document Highlight List

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.

From Week Beginning 9th November 2020

Shielding Update- CKD5, Down Syndrome, and Vitamin D

- [Shielding Update covering note](#)
- [Clinicians - CMO update - 30 October - final.docx](#)
- [Easy read of CMO letter October 2020 FINAL](#)
- [CMO Letter to DS Community 30 Oct 2020 – final](#)
- [Shielding - Letter to new additions - During Pause - 1 November](#)
- [Vitamin D](#)

Community Respiratory Response Team Update

- [GGC Respiratory MCN key messages November 2020 -CRRT reestablishment pathways for primary care version 2](#)
- [COVID - oxygen in Nursing Homes - guidance \(v1.0\)](#)
- [COVID Pneumonia Dom O2 on compassionate grounds](#)

Healthcare Improvement Scotland- Letter to Prescribers about Independent Healthcare Services

- [Covering note Independent Healthcare Services](#)
- [20201103 IHC Letter to MDs DoNs and DoPs](#)

Joint Letter from all 4 Chief Medical Officers

- [CEM CMO 2020 037](#)

GP Out of Hours Update from Dr Kerri Neylon

- [GP Out of Hours Service Update 051120](#)

Sandyford Update- Contraceptive use and management of STIs

- [Sandyford SRH STI update Nov 20](#)

Live Active Service

- [Physical Activity and COVID](#)

From Week Beginning 16th November 2020

Scottish Government- Primary care Communications Toolkit

- [Primary Care Communications Toolkit](#) (PDF letter)
- [Primary Care Communications Toolkit v1](#) (Powerpoint)

Health Protection Scotland Alert

- [Covering note PHS Alert](#)
- [202021 - HPS Briefing Note - Denmark Mink Mutation 14th Nov 2020 - final2](#)

WOS Primary Care Cancer Network- Regrading of USOC referrals

- [Regrading standard letter](#)