



## GLASGOW LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE LIMITED

### COVID PRACTICE COMMUNICATION NO 31

1st April 2021

#### To All GPs and GP Practices

Easter is here! We are publishing this shorter newsletter early due to the Easter break.

GP practices will be closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday. We hope that GPs and practice staff will enjoy a few days of much deserved rest from the challenges of GP workload and the Covid vaccination programme.

We want to say a big thank you to all of you who are working in the GP OOHs service and in the Community Pathway over the Easter weekend. Also thank you to those practices who have signed up the Care Home LES. We are grateful for your time and dedication in providing vital services to patients and carers.

#### Widening of Covid Testing

The public are now able to book a PCR Covid test on the advice of a GP. [The Scottish Government letter](#) is linked below in the Highlight list.

The testing criteria has been widened to include circumstances where a GP or healthcare profession has deemed it necessary to get a test. The tests continue to be [booked online](#) or by calling 0800 028 2816. If the person needs help to book a test, they can call 0300 303 2713.

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/self-help-guides/self-help-guide-access-to-testing-for-coronavirus>

#### 2018 GP Contract

We have reached the 3 year mark of the 2018 New GP Contract. [The Memorandum of Understanding](#) that underpinned the implementation of the new services was published in November 2017. This expired at the end of March 2021.

[The Joint Letter from the BMA and Scottish Government](#) was agreed in December 2020 to take forward the Contract implementation. This details the workplan for the next 2 to 3 years. The headlines of the Joint Letter-

**Vaccination Services:** all immunisations to be removed from the GP Contract regulations by October 2021. All historic income from vaccinations to be transferred to the Global Sum in 2022/23. Transitional arrangements/funding apply if not in place.

**Pharmacotherapy:** all practices to received Level 1 service by 2022/23. Transitional arrangements apply if not in place.

**Community Treatment and Care Services:** all practices to have access to CTAC service by 2022/23. Transitional arrangements apply if not in place.

**Urgent Care service:** all practices to have an Urgent Care Service by 2023/24.

The timescales and the delivery of services are ambitious and will be challenging. The LMC and GP subcommittee will continue to work with the Health Board and HSCPs in the many Boardwide and HSCP groups to push implementation of the services and deployment of staff in practices.

With warm regards and all best wishes to you all.

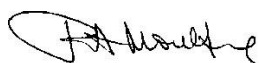
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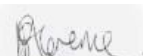
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### **LMC Document Highlight List**

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 NHS.SCOT box is monitored daily.

**From Weeks Beginning 22nd March and 29th March 2021**

#### **Covid-19 Vaccinations**

CMO Letter- Update in response to concerns raised in European Nations: clots and AZ

- [SGHD-CMO\(2021\)5 - AstraZeneca Safety - final - 19 March 2021](#)

**Shielding Update-** CMO Letters to Over 16s and Under 16s patients

- [16+CMO Letter - Updated Levels - March 2021 - Final for Print](#)
- [U16-CMO Letter - Updated Levels - March 2021-Final for Print](#)

CMO Letter- Adult Flu Programme 2021/22

- [sghd-cmo-2021-7-immunisation-programmes-flu-cmo-letter-2021\\_22-season-26-march-2021](#)

Scottish Government letter on Widening Access to PCR Testing for Covid-19

- [PCR Testing - Final](#)