



GLASGOW LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE LIMITED

COVID PRACTICE COMMUNICATION NO 32

16th April 2021

To All GPs and GP Practices

We hope you all had a nice Easter break and managed to have some down time from the pressures and workload in general practice. Today marks an easing of lockdown restrictions ahead of the wider opening up of the economy on 26th April. The accelerated easing today will allow up to six people from six households to meet outdoors, and for travelling within Scotland for socialising, recreation, and exercise.

This easing of lockdown will impact on already high GP practice workload as we saw with the previous lifting of restrictions last year. The [GP Escalation Plan](#) remains in effect with almost all practices on Level 1 and a small number on Level 2. The escalation plan continues to provide practices with flexibility to manage their day to day workload including reduced enhanced services activity, registrations, and the balance between routine and urgent clinical advice availability.

The arrangements for Enhanced Services funding to practices in Quarter 1 2021/22 continues under the current stability agreement and will be reviewed for Quarter 2 in July.

AstraZeneca Covid Vaccine

There has been a flurry of emails and new guidance around the use of the AZ Covid vaccine including the [recent CMO letter](#) (see Highlight document w/c 12th April).

The [MHRA](#) and [JCVI](#) have published statements on this issue. There is also a slideshow about communicating to patients the potential benefits and harms of the AZ Covid-19 vaccine available-

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/976877/CovidStats_07-04-21-final.pdf

The updated patient information leaflet is available here-

<http://www.healthscotland.com/uploads/documents/45108-COVID%20vaccine%20and%20blood%20clotting%20leaflet.pdf>

We understand that there will be updates very soon to the [Green Book](#) and the PGD.

Use of Inhaled Budesonide in Covid-19

The [recent publication of the use of inhaled budesonide](#) for adults with Covid-19 is a significant development in the treatment of Covid-19 in the community. The GP subcommittee is currently contributing to discussions within the Board as to how that will be managed and whether any local guidance is required.

Patient Requests for Covid Vaccination Status

Practices have told us that many patients are asking for evidence of covid vaccinations and the resulting workload concerns. We have agreed national key messages that will be shared with vaccination clinics and the national vaccination helpline-

- People should not contact their GP Practice to ask for a Covid vaccination passport or status certificate – they will not be able to provide any standard document. International certification standards have not yet been agreed.
- The Scottish Government is working to support the re-opening of international travel once it is safe to do so. We are working with the other UK Nations and with the World Health Organisation to agree on potential future COVID certification requirements for international travel.
- As part of this, we are developing a technical solution that could allow people to access their Covid vaccination status directly

Practice Managers Development Event

We are holding our PM Development Event on **Thursday 20th May 2021 at 2pm**. In line with current restrictions, the event will be online by Zoom. The programme will include Whistleblowing, GP IT update, and a Q&A session as well as opportunities for PMs to reflect on the past 12 months.

To book a place, please email elaine.mclaren@glasgow-lmc.co.uk. We look forward to seeing you there!

Covid Expenses

The Covid expenses arrangements are detailed in the [Scottish Government circular from November 2020](#).

SGPC has agreed with Scottish Government that the provisions of that circular (which was due to expire on 31 March 2021) remains in effect. Funding can continue to be claimed for reasonable Covid-19 expenses. While the circular states that this funding does not need to be agreed in advance, it may be advised for any practice that is unsure whether the additional expenses being claimed for are Covid-related to reach agreement with the Board first.

It is also worth noting this circular, which sets out the reimbursement rate for additional partner sessions worked under these provisions-

[https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2020\(M\)06.pdf](https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2020(M)06.pdf)

Renfrewshire Community Assessment Centre

The Renfrewshire CAC team would be pleased to hear from any GPs able to undertake shifts at the Linwood CAC.

GPs wishing to undertake sessions at the Linwood CAC can contact the service directly at RenfrewshireCHTesting@ggc.scot.nhs.uk to book shifts.

Covid-19 Advice Deck

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

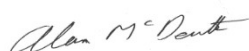
- [GP Advice Cover Note](#)
- [Advice 1. Covid-19 Triage Pathway](#)
- [Advice 2. Cleaning Advice](#)
- [Advice 3. Respiratory Appointment](#)
- [Advice 4. Home Visit](#)
- [Advice 5. Child Triage](#)
- [Advice 6. Clinical Distancing](#)

The Pathway for Non Covid Presentations in patients who are a Covid Infection Ri

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

With warm regards and all best wishes to you all.

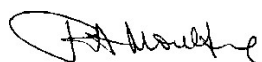
Yours sincerely,



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Chair



Dr John Ip
Medical Director



Dr Patricia Moultrie
Medical Director



Marco Florence
Business Coordinator

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 Week Beginning 5th April 2021

Covid-19 Vaccinations

Covid-19 AZ vaccine and Vaccination Passports update

- [Email 08042021](#)
- [COVID - ASTRA ZENECA VACCINE THROMBOEMBOLIC EVENTS WITH CONCURRENT LOW PLATELET COUNTS](#)
- [202106 - PHS Health Protection Alert - AZ Vaccine Safety](#)

CMO Letter- Adult Flu Immunisation Programme 2021/22

- [SGHD-CMO\(2021\)7 - Immunisation Programmes](#)

CMO Letter- Enhanced Surveillance of Covid-19 in Scotland

- [SGHD-CMO 2021 8](#)

West of Scotland Lung Cancer Webinar 28th April 2021

- [West of Scotland Lung Cancer Webinar - 28th April 7pm](#)

From Week Beginning 12th April 2021

Covid-19 Vaccination:

CMO Letter- Change in recommended use of AZ vaccine

- [CMO Letter - AZ Vaccine Update - April 2021](#)

Public Health Scotland- Vaccine Safety- Submission of Adverse Events

- [Email COP](#)
- [Adverse Events Submission](#)

IT Update on Covid-19 Vaccination

- [GPIT COVID 19 Vaccination Update April 2021](#)

Scottish Government letter- Inhaled Budesonide for Adults (50 years and over) with Covid-19

- [12 April letter Budesonide COVID-19](#)
- [Inhaled Budesonide Position Statement](#)

Scottish Government- General Practice Recovery and Remobilisation

- [General Practice Recovery and Remobilisation](#)

Key Information Summaries (KIS) Guidance

- [Email KIS](#)
- [20211903 Key Information Summaries](#)

MHRA Guidance- The use and regulation of pulse oximeters

- [IM-2021-004](#)

Consultant Connect webinar

- [Email Scotland Webinar](#)
- [Scotland Webinar](#)