



## GLASGOW LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE LIMITED

### COVID PRACTICE COMMUNICATION NO 6

8th May 2020

To All GPs and GP Practices

Welcome to our 6th LMC Covid communication. It has been a busy time and we thank GP practices for staying open on the May public holiday this week.

Feedback from GPs and from practices indicate that workload is increasing. The public messaging about seeking medical help when needed is hitting home. Practices face the double challenge of adapting new ways of working to the steady increase in patient contacts whilst maintaining the need for social distancing for staff and patients to ensure safe working.

#### **LMC Year End and Covid-19 Meetings**

We held evening meetings this week for GPs and practice managers across GGC. We had over 230 attendees across the 3 Zoom meetings. Thank you for participating in these virtual meetings and we hope you found them informative and stimulating. It was good to see so many familiar faces in the Zoom meeting.

We are holding a Zoom meeting for **Sessional GPs** on Tuesday 12th May at 7pm. Please contact [mary.fingland@glasgow-lmc.co.uk](mailto:mary.fingland@glasgow-lmc.co.uk) if you wish to attend but have not received the invite/joining instructions.

#### **Self-referral to Testing for GGC Health and Social Care Staff**

GPs and practice staff can now arrange testing directly, for either themselves, or household members with symptoms (first 5 days of fever of  $\geq 37.8$  C or new persistent cough), using the self-referral e-form. [Staff Testing Self-Referral Form](#)

Whilst GPs and staff are waiting for the appointment and test results, it is important that they and household contacts follow the guidance on self-isolation on the [NHS Inform website](#).

[Further GGC guidance](#) is available on what do to when you receive your results.

#### **Changes to the SFE and Expenses Guidance**

We have produced a short guide for GPs and Practices setting out the main changes to this year's SFE as well as the guidance to the Additional Funding from the Scottish Government.

[Link to the document here](#)

## **PPE/CPR Statement from BMA Scotland**

[BMA Scotland have released a statement](#) on its position on PPE usage when performing chest compressions in the current Covid-19 situation. The LMC / GP subcommittee supports the BMA position and refers you to it. The BMA has recognised the Resuscitation Council UK guidance that chest compressions should require Level 3 PPE and consideration of the place of defibrillation in resuscitation in the current situation. The BMA guidance states that where the appropriate PPE is not available, doctors must balance the risk to their own health with the likelihood of chest compressions being effective for the patient.

## **Recovery Phase and new GP Contract**

We are beginning the process of returning to discussions about the GP Contract and Phase 1. There has been no change to the national GP Contract and the MOU. PCIP implementation understandably took a back seat with the pandemic response over the past 2 months but we are restarting our work with HSCPs and the Board on this issue. Ways of working for practices and NHS staff have changed since March and we may need adapt how the PCIP services will be delivered in practices.

## **GP email list**

The LMC sends the newsletter and practice communications directly to practices' generic mailbox. We also keep an email list of GPs who wish to receive LMC mailing direct to their own email address (either home or work). If you haven't subscribed yet but wish do so, please contact [admin@glasgow-lmc.co.uk](mailto:admin@glasgow-lmc.co.uk)

With warm regards and all best wishes to you all.

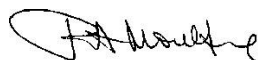
Yours sincerely,



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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.

The GP Advice Deck. **[NO CHANGE SINCE LAST COMMUNICATION]**

Guidance developed by the Covid-19 Primary Care Clinical Advisory Group (Updated 27th April 2020 with new Child Triage advice):

- [Advice 1. Triage Pathway](#)
- [Advice 2. Cleaning Advice](#)
- [Advice 3. Practice Respiratory Appointment](#)
- [Advice 4. Home Visits](#)
- [Advice 5. Child Triage](#)

- [Advice 6. Practice Clinical Distancing for examination](#)

#### Testing for COVID-19 in Care Homes 5 May 2020

- [Testing for COVID 19 in Care Homes Letter](#) (from Director of Public Health)
- [Appendix 1 - Covid-19 Care Home NEW Outbreak Test Process](#)
- [COVID19GG&CCareHomeTestGPDeck300420b](#) (reissued on 30 April, updated)

#### Scottish Government letter on the use of the Clinical Frailty Score

- [JM Letter to CEs MDs - Clinical Frailty Scale - 05 05 20](#)

#### Changes to the SFE and Expenses Guidance- LMC Document

- [2020 SFE Summary](#)

#### Arrangements for Community Optometry during Covid-19

- [Arrangements for Community Optometry during Covid19](#) (letter)
- [COVID-19 Optometry Triage Flowchart Final No Face\[52225\]](#)
- A full list of optometry practices in NHSGGC and their current availability is at [https://www.nhsggc.org.uk/media/259977/covid19\\_optiticians\\_practices\\_list.pdf](https://www.nhsggc.org.uk/media/259977/covid19_optiticians_practices_list.pdf) and is updated weekly

#### Diabetes Guidance

- [Scottish Diabetes Group Update 30th April 2020](#)
- [Patient advice during COVID-19 pandemic](#) (Scottish Diabetes Foot Action Group)

#### Firearms guidance

- [GP firearm checks - temporary measures for Covid-19](#)

GP Referral Pathway for Cellulitis Management via OPAT (April 2020); previously circulated, now extended to all GP practices in NHSGGC

- [Referral pathway for Cellulitis](#)