

November Issue



Newsletter

GLASGOW LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE LIMITED.

Welcome to our November newsletter and in particular to the new GPs who have recently joined the GGC Performers List. The Local Medical Committee is the representative body that is funded by local GP practices to ensure that the views of GPs are heard by those in HSCPs, the Health Board and Government. Please go to our website for more information about the committee and what we do www.glasgowlmc.co.uk

Just a reminder to our voluntary levy paying practices that you can advertise your vacancies free of charge by completing the vacancy form on the website <https://www.glasgowlmc.co.uk/vacancies/add-a-vacancy/>

GP Contract

We are now 18 months into the 2018 GP Contract. A core part of that contract agreement was the Memorandum of Understanding which committed to providing new and additional staff into GP practices to reduce GP workload. The LMC and GP Subcommittee have been working with Board and HSCP colleagues to implement all the services that were agreed in the MOU. We have heard concerns from GPs about the slow pace of change and some practices where little or no new services have been put in place. No practice should be left behind and the Board and HSCPs have agreed that all practices must have new services or staff in place.

SGPC are also undertaking a survey to try and obtain a full picture of progress from the perspective of individual GP practices. SGPC need this information so that they can fully understand the pace of implementation so they can focus their activities and increase the pace of change by addressing any systemic problems particularly if they affect certain types of practice or particular geographical areas.

SGPC will be sharing the information (on an aggregate HSCP/NHS Board level) with Scottish Government but not in a way that would identify practices. The survey closes on Friday 8th November and our thanks to those GGC practices who have already completed the survey.

The survey can be found here:-

<https://www.research.net/r/GPservicescotland>

We would encourage as many practices as possible to participate.

Vaccination Transformation Programme

Routine childhood immunisations have been transferred. A mop up service will be set up for 2020. Pilots are running currently for 2-5 year flu and the community pharmacy adult flu pilot is due to begin in November. Maternity immunisations are due to start in November. Travel immunisation is still subject to national planning discussions.

Pharmacotherapy

Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians are being recruited and starting work in practices. Progress has been slower than we would have liked and we are working with pharmacy colleagues to improve and develop skill mix within the new teams to expand the service to practices.

Community Care and Treatment Service

All areas of the Board are rolling out or piloting this service. Phlebotomy services have been implemented initially in many areas. Service models for the wider range of treatment room services are being developed in each HSCP area.

Advanced Physio and Nurse Practitioners

The roll out of APPs and ANPs has been patchy mainly due to difficulties in recruitment. Those

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practices that have these attached staff are very positive about their work and GP workload reduction.

IT Update

The GP IT reprovisioning process has been delayed. It will be late 2020 before any new system will be available for testing. Timescales are subject to change and we will be keeping GPs up to date as information becomes available.

The Scottish Government has released new funding for practice Wi-Fi, upgraded practice PCs and other IT developments. We are in the process of reaching agreement with the Board on how the new funding will be spent. Practices will be receiving details about this shortly.

Windows 7 is reaching the end of its support period. All practice PCs will need to be updated to Windows 10. This will be a major programme of work for the Board. We are in discussions with the IT team on the roll out and the impact on practices' normal service on the day(s) of the update. Further details about this soon.

Scottish Conference of Local Medical Committees

The annual conference of LMCs will take place on Friday 29th November in the Golden Jubilee Conference Centre Clydebank. Key motions for debate include implementation of the new contract, recruitment and retention and workload.

Shared Care Agreements (SCAs)

The office continues to be contacted about SCAs and an increasing list of drugs GPs are being asked to take on. We have already raised concerns with the Board that GPs are being asked to take on an unfunded transfer of work

for specialist drugs which they have little expertise in.

The list of agreed SCAs can be found here-

<http://www.ggcmedicines.org.uk/shared-care-protocols>

In the absence of a formal agreed SCA, it is up to the individual practice or GP whether it is clinically safe or appropriate to take on prescribing (especially workload and the governance) from the specialist services. Each case will need to be considered on its merits including the ongoing supervision of the patient, follow up, how the patient gets back into the specialist service, etc.

If the request is not something the practice can take on, then it is important to get back to the service promptly.

Glasgow Locum Group

The GLG holds its monthly educational meetings for sessional GPs in the LMC offices and provides an opportunity for freelance GPs to meet and share ideas and experiences. The meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month. More information about the group and how to join can be found on www.glasgowlocumgroup.org

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