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GLASGOW LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE LIMITED.

Glasgow BMA Roadshows

Roadshow events for GPs are being held in November. These will be opportunities to both inform GPs about the new Scottish GP Contract and for GPs to question the BMA negotiators. These events will be for GPs (partners and sessionals) and GP trainees only.

Glasgow LMC have organised 2 dates for our local Roadshows. They will take place on **Monday 13th November and Monday 20th November** at Celtic Park, Parkhead. The venue holds 600 people and therefore we are asking that GPs book online via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/new-gp-contract-sgpc-roadshow-tickets-37881806503) so that we can safely control numbers at each event.

Doors will open at 6pm for tea/coffee and the meeting will begin at 7pm.

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New Scottish GP Contract

SGPC and Scottish Government are in the final stages of negotiating the new Scottish GP Contract which will replace the current 2004 GMS Contract. Talks should be concluded by November and the Contract Framework document should be published shortly afterwards. There are national BMA Roadshows planned for November and the Special Scottish LMC Conference will be held on 1st December allowing LMCs to discuss and debate the new Contract.

It will be a practice based Contract and will include-

- The GP as the Expert Medical Generalist in the community- dealing with undifferentiated illness, complex problems and leading the enhanced healthcare team.
- Moving services such as immunisations, phlebotomy and treatment room out of the GP contract with no reduction in GP practice income.
- Direct reimbursement of practice expenses
- Reducing the risks of owning and leasing premises for GPs
- Promoting the GP partnership model of Scottish general practice
- Reducing GP workload with an expanded multidisciplinary primary care team including pharmacists, MSK physios, mental health workers, links workers and community paramedics
- GPs as clinical leaders and GP practices working in clusters to influence the delivery and quality of patient services

For more about the new Scottish GP Contract, please visit the [BMA website](https://www.bma.org.uk/collectivevoice/committees/general-practitioners-committee/gpc-scotland) which includes further information and a short video presentation-
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BMA Contract Poll

There will be a poll of GPs' opinion on the new Scottish GP Contract following the Roadshows in November and the Special Scottish LMC Conference in December. The poll will take place in

December/January and will be open to all GPs in Scotland. The poll result will inform the Scottish GP Committee meeting on 18th January 2018 and committee members will make the final decision on the implementation of the new Scottish GP contract. Further details of the poll will emerge in the coming weeks.

National Primary Care Workforce Survey 2017 There is **ANOTHER** workforce survey that is going now! This is a national survey run by ISD Scotland. There will be a payment of **£150** per practice for completing the survey which will come through the December schedule. The original deadline was 30th September but due to the low response rates, this has been extended to mid-October. Please participate!

Sickness Leave Payment We have had many enquiries from practices about the change to the [Scottish Statement of Financial Entitlement \(SFE\) for 2017/18](#) relating to payments for locums covering sickness leave [Section 8].
<http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2017sfe.pdf>

The key points to remember are:-

- The SFE reimburses locum costs to cover for the absent GP. This can be for external or internal GP locum cover.
- No reimbursement is payable for the first 2 weeks of absence.

- The practice must contact the Health Board as soon as possible to inform them of the locum costs and cover required.
- The maximum payable is £1,734.18 per week; or the actual cost of the locum if lower than the maximum.
- Full amount is payable for 26 weeks and then a further 26 weeks at half the full amount.
- Practices claiming for costs during a month must do so by the 10th day of the following month.
- Inform the Health Board if there are any significant changes to the cover arrangements
- There is no reimbursement if no actual locum cover was engaged.

GPs are reminded that it is important to review their partnership agreements in light of the sickness leave payment changes.

The LMC is unable to give any advice to GPs in relation to locum insurance policies or personal health insurance. We would advise that GPs get independent financial advice about their own circumstances and how the changes in sickness leave payments in the SFE will affect them.

Modernising Out-patient clinics We are aware of changes that have been happening in some hospital departments in the way that patients are followed up by out-patient clinics. There is no doubt that due to pressures on services and [The Modern Outpatient](#) agenda, pathways for patients will change and there will be more emphasis on

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community rather than hospital based follow up.

We are engaging with the Board and secondary care colleagues via the Interface Group in discussion about future pathways. However, we would ask GPs to be alert to any current unresourced and non-agreed work being passed to primary care such as continued longer term monitoring or specialist level management of patients. Please get in touch with the LMC if you have experience of this.

Inadequate Contact Details on Letters

We are still hearing of instances of inadequate or lack of contact details on hospital or community clinic letters. This is especially for hand written letters from clinics for medication start or changes. GPs need to know where each letter has come from and who the clinician was. In addition, lack of information makes it difficult to contact the clinician involved to clarify issues. If you have example of this, please let us know.

LMC Workforce Survey

A big thank you to everyone who took part in our workforce survey over the summer. We had over **90%** of practices responding which is an amazing return. We are currently analysing the results and will present the survey to the LMC committee in October.

Microbiology Results Paper Switch

The GMS eHealth Steering committee has approved the ending of paper Microbiology results to practices.

This followed a successful pilot in a number of practices to prove that the EDT feed was correct and reliable, with no discrepancies found between paper and electronic transfer.

All other lab specialities will continue to send paper results to practices in the meantime.

Validium Counselling Services

This is a completely confidential service for all GPs in Greater Glasgow & Clyde, including Sessional GPs on the GG&C Performer's List. Validium employ a group of experienced accredited counsellors who can be contacted 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. This confidential service can be accessed by telephone on **0800 358 4858**.

Change of Title for LMC Medical Secretaries

It is proposed to change the LMC Medical Secretary title to that of LMC Medical Director. It is felt that the title Medical Director will better assist the Medical Secretariat in representing LMC interests at strategic meetings with senior Board and HSCP management. In line with the LMC constitution we therefore give formal notice of the name change to our constituent practices and would ask for any comments on this change to be forwarded to the LMC office by noon on Monday 16th October 2017 mary.fingland@glasgow-lmc.co.uk

From the Team at the LMC