



GLASGOW LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE LIMITED

COVID PRACTICE COMMUNICATION NO 28

19th February 2021

To All GPs and GP Practices

It has been an eventful fortnight since our last newsletter. GP practices have been very busy with winter workload as well as delivering Covid vaccinations to their cohorts. There are positive signs emerging which give us some optimism- the high levels of vaccination uptake, the fall in daily infection rates, and a reduction in number of CAC attendances. As we approach the 12 month point of the pandemic, we thank GPs and practice teams for all the work they have done and are continuing to do for their patients despite all the challenges and difficulties.

Covid Vaccination

GP practices have done a tremendous job giving the first doses to the Over 80s, Over 75s and Shielding group. Despite the wintry weather and bumpy vaccine delivery, practices have completed their cohorts at pace. Figures show that over 90% of patients in these groups have received their first jabs.

A [GP practice update](#) was sent on Wednesday from Primary Care Support with information about outstanding patients requiring vaccination, unused vaccine, and the planning for second doses. We have advised the Board of the need to provide practices with information early about the amount and schedule of the second dose supply. This will give practices time to adequately plan their second dose programme.

We know that practices are receiving a lot of calls about the vaccination programme. A [Guidance Document](#) has been produced to assist practice staff with these queries. These cover questions including vaccine choice, unpaid carers, allergies, and appointment bookings at the vaccine centres. It may be helpful to circulate this to all administrative as well as clinical staff. The NHS Inform vaccine website for patients is <https://www.nhsinform.scot/covid19vaccine>

Lateral Flow Device Testing

The provision of Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Testing has now been expanded into GP practices. The documents about this are linked below in the Document Highlight List.

Patient-facing healthcare workers in general practice will be able access the twice weekly LFD testing programme. Kits will be delivered to practices in the next 4-6 weeks unless the practice wants to opt out of this process. The time scale for opting out is short and will close this Friday 19th February at 4pm. To opt out please email- nss.PrimaryCareLFDOptout@nhs.scot

Single Handed Practice Meeting

The LMC held a virtual meeting with Single Handed GPs this week. It was good to see our GP colleagues from these practices and to hear about the issues and challenges affecting single handed and small practices. We hope that those who attended found the meeting useful and supportive.

Sessional GP Development Event

The LMC is holding a virtual training event for Sessional GPs on Saturday 27th February between 9.30am and 12.30pm. The event will focus on child protection training, in-hours sessional/locum GP work, and local services / IT update. We are looking forward to seeing our sessional and locum colleagues at the event. If you are interested in attending and have not already registered, please email elaine.mclaren@glasgow-lmc.co.uk for information and joining instructions.

Windows 10 Migration

The project to migrate all practice PCs to Windows 10 will be starting soon. PCs will also be upgraded to a higher specification as well as updating the operating system from Windows 7.

We know that computer performance in practices have been adversely affected by the change to NHS.scot and MS Teams. Window 10s should solve many of these issues. The work will involve IT engineers being on site updating each machine individually. Unfortunately, practice disruption is inevitable, but the IT department will give practices notice well in advance to allow practices to plan for this. This is an essential update to the practice's IT, and GPs and staff will see a significant improvement in performance afterwards.

Reporting of Ambulance Incidents

Thank you to Dr Chris Johnstone who has worked with the Scottish Ambulance Service and developed a new system for reporting ambulance issues to the SAS. Information and documents are below in the Document Highlight List. We hope that with having [one agreed reporting form](#) and one email address- sas.feedback@nhs.scot that these incidents involving the SAS will be fully investigated and addressed.

Wellbeing

We would like to remind GPs, practice managers, and all practice staff of the need to look after your own wellbeing. It has been an incredibly difficult time for everyone in general practice. The changes in ways of working, the pressures of daily workload and remote consultations, and the vaccination programme have all been tiring and stressful. Even though travel restrictions are in place and foreign holidays are not an option, it is important that people take time off work to rest and recharge.

Resources and information for support are available on the National Wellbeing Hub website- <https://www.promis.scot/>. If you wish to speak to someone, the mental wellbeing support line is **0800 111 4191**. These services are available to everyone working in health and social care services in Scotland.

GP Email addresses

The LMC admin team is continuing to update GPs' emails to NHS.scot addresses. GPs who are not receiving the LMC newsletter directly to their email inbox and wish to do so, should email elaine.mclaren@glasgow-lmc.co.uk

Covid-19 Advice Deck

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

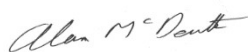
- [GP Advice Cover Note](#)
- [Advice 1. Covid-19 Triage Pathway](#)
- [Advice 2. Cleaning Advice](#)
- [Advice 3. Respiratory Appointment](#)
- [Advice 4. Home Visit](#)
- [Advice 5. Child Triage](#)
- [Advice 6. Clinical Distancing](#)

The Pathway for Non Covid Presentations in patients who are a Covid Infection Risk
(Updated- Please note that the self-isolation period is now **10 days**)

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

With warm regards and all best wishes to you all.

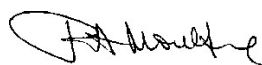
Yours sincerely,



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Chair



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Medical Director



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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 Week Beginning 8th February 2021

Covid-19 Vaccinations

Scottish CMO Letter- Bringing forward priority cohorts

- [SGHD CMO\(2021\) 3](#)

Email from Dr Syed Ahmed- 16 to 17 Shielded patients

- [16 to 17 shielded patients Dr Ahmed](#)

Scottish Government Letter- £500 NHS payment

- [PCA\(D\)\(2021\)01 - PCA\(M\)\(2021\)02 - PCA\(O\)\(2021\)03 - PCA\(P\)\(2021\)02](#)

GGC Public Health letter- Unused Flu Vaccines

- [Unused Flu Vaccines](#)

Update regarding Adoption and Foster Carers medicals

- [Adoption & Fostering Update](#)
- [Remuneration to GPs table](#)
- [Collaborative Fee Claim Form](#)

GGC Weight Management Service Update

- [PC Comms Weight Management Services](#)

Maternity Referrals Update

- [SCI GP Maternity Referrals Update Feb 21](#)

Detect Cancer Early Lung Cancer Campaign

- [LC Email](#)
- [Lung cancer campaign - toolkit](#)

From Week Beginning 15th February 2021

Covid-19 Vaccination

Covid19 Vaccination Update for GP Practices

- [Covid Vaccination Update \(ACTION REQUIRED\) email 17022021](#)
- [Where to direct queries V1.0 17 02 21](#)

Lateral Flow Testing in GP Practices

- [DL\(2020\)32 Guidance on expansion of HCW testing - 15.02.21](#)
- [FAQ Guide to Testing Healthcare Workers 15.02.21](#)
- [COVID19 - HCW Testing - Updated Interim SOP Lateral Flow Testing of Asymptomatic Patient Facing NHS Staff -15.02.21](#)

Scottish Ambulance Service- Update on Reporting of incidences

- [Covering Email](#)
- [Flowchart GP Reporting of Incidents](#)
- [HCP Booking Guide Nov 2020](#)
- [SAS GP Incident Reporting Form v1_04](#)
- [GP NOW Poster Nov 2020](#)
- [GP 1-4 Poster Nov 2020](#)

Covid-19 Therapeutic Alert- Colchicine

- [CEM-CMO-2021-005](#)