



GLASGOW LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE LIMITED

COVID PRACTICE COMMUNICATION NO 5

1st May 2020

To All GPs and GP Practices

We hope you, your families, and your practice teams are well. With continued lockdown and social distancing, we have all settled into the new “normal”. GP practices are open and responding to their patients’ needs, most often by telephone or Attend Anywhere. The LMC remains open too and we are taking calls and email queries from practices.

LMC Year End and Covid-19 Meetings

We will be hosting a series of virtual meetings for GPs and practice managers next week on Tuesday 5th May, Wednesday 6th May and Thursday 7th May at 7.30pm. There is much to discuss regarding the response to Covid-19 and we are keen to engage as many GPs and practice managers as possible.

We are holding 3 meetings for all practices split across the 6 HSCPs. You will have received an invite with the date of the date. We will send out the joining instructions and a short How-to guide in due course.

We anticipate many attendees and to allow a smoother meeting, we ask that you submit questions in advance. However, there will be opportunity to ask question on the night too. We look forward to seeing you at the meetings!

May 2020 Public Holidays

We are grateful and proud that GP practices stayed open during the Easter weekend. Scottish Government and SGPC have reached agreement for the two May public holidays. GP practices have been asked to stay open to help with the pandemic response. The funding arrangement for Monday 4th May and Monday 25th May will be 0.8% of the practice’s Global Sum (plus Income and Expenses Guarantee). This will be paid at the end of May. We thank GPs and practice teams for your hard work and dedication to the NHS.

The 2020/21 Statement of Financial Entitlement

The updated Coronavirus Outbreak SFE has been published and is available [here](#).

Main changes to the SFE include-

- Increase in Minimum Earnings Expectations to £72,100 (£87,169 incl. superann)
- Payments for sickness leave starts from day 1 rather than after 2 weeks
- Maximum payable is now £3,468.36 per week
- Payment for public holiday opening
- Information about the advance funding for practices’ additional Covid-19 expenses

CAC and GP OOHs Pay Issue

We were alerted this week to the payroll problems affecting GP colleagues who had volunteered to work in the CAC and GP OOHs. We were dismayed and angry when we found

out that some GPs were facing payment delays for work carried out in the past month. We have written to the Board and HSCP asking for an urgent solution to the problems along with an apology to the affected doctors, and financial aid offer to the doctors if that is required.

Covid-19 Testing in Care Homes

The pathway for Covid-19 testing for symptomatic care home residents was released on Thursday 30th April. The pathway link is below in the Document Highlight list.

The pathway involves the care home staff contacting the GP practice and the GP ordering the test on ICE (**Collect Later and Do Not Print Label**) and then doing a SCI Gateway referral to alert your relevant local HSCP team to the test request. The test will be carried out by either the care home staff or the local testing staff. Results will be workflowed to practices and GPs are asked to action and communicate these results appropriately.

Recovery Phase

Whilst the current position of government is that it is too early to lift restrictions, nevertheless we are planning ahead and starting work with the various Board Covid groups to look at the "Recovery Phase". The next phase will be looking at ways to step up secondary care and community / mental health services for patients but in a way that is safe and is in keeping with social distancing.

However in the meantime, it is still vital that the Community Pathway is in place to help protect patients and GP practices against further spread of the infection.

Renewal of lorry and bus driving licenses

The DVLA has produced new guidance relating to applications for their renewal of lorry and bus driving licenses during the pandemic. The guidance states that those aged 45 or over will not be required to submit a D4 medical examination report if the license has expired or due to expire on or after 1 January 2020. The guidance does not affect those aged 65 or over.

The full guidance can be found [here](#).

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

With warm regards and all best wishes to you all.

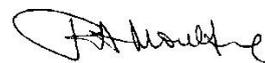
Yours sincerely,



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Chair



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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. 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](#)

Covid-19 Testing for Care Home Residents

- [Covid-19 Care Home Test Process200420](#) (Testing Pathway)
- [COVID19GG&CCareHomeTestGPDeck290420](#) (letter from David Leese)
- [New information about testing of Care Home residents Letter](#) (Letter from Public Health)

[NHS GGC Temporary Covid-19 Guidelines and Referral Pathways](#)

Scottish Statement of Financial Entitlement (SFE)

- [2020/21 Coronavirus Outbreak SFE full document](#)
- [Scottish Government letter about 2020/21 SFE](#)
- [PCA\(M\)\(2020\)06 - GP Practices – Additional Funding – COVID-19](#)
- [General Practice Additional Costs related to COVID19 Reimbursement form](#)
- [General Practice Additional Costs related to COVID19 Reimbursement total costs form](#)

Guidance on accessing oxygen for patients in Care Homes and CRRT briefing

- [Care Homes Oxygen letter 27 4 20](#)
- [Community Respiratory Response Team Briefing 30 03 2020](#)