



GLASGOW LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE LIMITED

COVID PRACTICE COMMUNICATION NO 42

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To All GPs and GP Practices

The COP26 summit will take place in Glasgow on 31st October to 12th November. With the anticipated attendance of 140 world leaders and 25,000 delegates as well as climate activists, organisers are planning for significant impact and disruptions to normal travel. GP practices have been asked to plan ahead and information has been sent out in the last few weeks-

- [COP26 All GP Practices 240921](#)
- [COP26 information and checklist for practices Final](#)
- [20210915 COP26 Maps - Closures and Impact Areas](#)

Some road closures around the SEC conference event have already started but the majority of the affected routes will be closed this coming week. The [Get Ready Glasgow website](#) has up to date information of about traffic and travel changes and we would encourage all practices to check their local situation.

COP26- Emergency Supply of medicines from Community Pharmacies

COP26 will see high numbers of non-GGC UK residents and overseas visitors coming into the city. The emergency supply of routine repeat medicines for these visitors is a service that can be provided by community pharmacies without the need to approach GP practices. We have been working with the Board on this issue and [guidance for community pharmacies](#) has been developed and published.

This includes information on services that can be accessed at community pharmacies for visitors to the city

	Pharmacy First	Emergency Hormonal Contraception	Urgent supply of Prescribed Medicines
Patients registered with a GP in Scotland	✓	✓	✓ funded by NHS
Patients Registered with a GP in the rest of the UK		✓	✓* unfunded, need to pay
Patient not registered with a GP in the UK		✓	Only EEA / Switzerland* unfunded, need to pay

*Patients from the rest of the UK/[EEA](#)/Switzerland can obtain up to 30 days of emergency supply of medication (special rules for CDs and phenobarbital). Those from outside EEA/Switzerland cannot be supplied prescription-only-medicines without a prescription.

Covid Vaccine Exemption

The Covid passport is now mandatory for certain large events and nightclubs. [NHS Inform](#) has information for those who have questions about the passport and about exemptions. The Covid Status Helpline on **0808 196 8565** is also available for the public.

GP practices are not involved in providing exemptions.

Those who are medically exempt will be identified centrally. The Scottish Government have said that a very small number of people cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons. Those patients will receive a paper medical exemption certificate in the post.

Vaccinations

The Board and HSCPs are delivering flu and Covid vaccinations. At this time, other vaccinations including shingles, pneumococcal and travel remain within GP practices until they are formally transferred out.

All GPs and practice staff now have access to the [NHS Inform booking portal](#) for flu vaccination and Covid-19 booster. There are 18 community locations across GGC available for booking and staff can book clinics in other health board areas too. Appointments are being added weekly so if there aren't appointments for your preferred site, please go back into the website regularly to check for new availability.

National Care Service Consultation

The LMC agreed a response to the Scottish Government's National Care Service Consultation on Monday evening. This has been submitted. The LMC's response was focussed on the proposed change of health boards holding GP contracts to these being held by the proposed community health and social care boards. The consultation can be found [here](#) . Responses need to be submitted by 2nd November.

With warm regards and all best wishes to you all.

Yours sincerely,

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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 4th October 2021

BMA and Scottish Government Joint Letter from Dr Andrew Buist and Humza Yousaf

- [Joint letter - BMASG to General Practice](#)

COP26 Information

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Scottish Government- Information about Scottish disability benefits and GP Information

- [Email Health and Social Security Information Sharing Agrmt](#)
- [Health and Social Security ISA GP Fact Sheet](#)

Scottish Government eHealth- Coding update

- [2021-10-05 - Vaccination Coding Update for GP's](#)

From Week Beginning 11th October 2021

Scottish Government letter on Seasonal Flu immunisation

- [SGHD\(2021\)28 - Seasonal Flu Vaccination - 7 October 2021](#)

GP Practice Information for queries relating to Childhood vaccines

- [GP Practice Communication](#)

From Week Beginning 18th October 2021

Scottish Government communication to GPs- Workload survey, Blood testing, Long Covid

- [Email PC Leads communications 13.10.21](#)
- [Neurological Framework Newsletter](#)