



GLASGOW LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE LIMITED

COVID PRACTICE COMMUNICATION NO 37

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To All GPs and GP Practices

July is fast approaching and we hope that GPs and practice staff can look forward to a well-deserved break over the summer. We know that workload and staff pressures remain at unsustainable levels in practices. Once again, we thank everyone working in GP practices for their continued hard work in delivering a safe and effective service to patients.

GP Practices Under Pressure

Dr John Ip wrote in the [Scotsman newspaper](#) this week about the “triple whammy” on GP practices- difficulty of service delivery with Covid restrictions in place, the rising number of patient contacts and demands, and the surge in unacceptable behaviour that practices are dealing with.

The Board has also released a [Youtube video](#) from Dr Kerri Neylon explaining to the public how GP practices are operating to provide safe care and to prioritise clinical need.

We hope that these messages will provide the public with some idea of the pressures that we are all under currently. We continue to work with Board and national groups to find solutions to help practices.

SGPC Snap GP Workload and Wellbeing Survey

The BMA Scottish GP Committee ran a short survey in mid-May to get an idea of the current pressures on GPs across Scotland. The key findings from the survey-

- **669 responses**
- **2 out of 3 GPs describe workload as unmanageable**
- **73% reporting negative impact on wellbeing**
- **70% more likely to seek early retirement**
- **87% of GP and practice staff have been subject to physical or verbal abuse from public within the last month**

This information demonstrates the impact that demand is having on GPs and their staff, and allows SGPC to push for improvements to help improve the situation for GPs.

Covid Pathway for 0-4 year olds

The CAC referral pathway for 0-4 year olds was updated on 14th June 2021. The Covid pathway for the over 5s and adults remains unchanged.

The Board wrote to practices with information on the updated pathway-

- [Covid Community Pathway - arrangements for 0-4 year olds](#)
- [0-4yr CAC referral pathway](#)

International Travel

Practices are receiving requests from patients for letters to exempt them from quarantine following international travel. The rules on entering Scotland and quarantine requirements are set out here [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): international travel and managed isolation \(quarantine\) - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot). There is no role for GPs in this process.

Practice MDT Survey Reminder

In autumn 2019 SGPC conducted a survey of practices across Scotland to gauge the level of MDT support they were receiving with the implementation of the 2018 Contract. The survey is now being re-run to establish what progress has been made in the interim and how far from the perspective of individual practices we still have to go with implementation.

This is a [letter from Dr Andrew Buist Chair of SGPC](#) to practices asking them to participate in the survey. The survey will be open until **7th July 2021** and can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ScotlandMDT> . As with last time, SGPC are looking for a single response per practice.

LMC Newsletters over the summer

Our LMC team has worked extremely hard over the pandemic providing fortnightly updates to practices. We hope you have found them useful and informative. Over the summer, we are planning to update practices on a monthly basis and this will allow our team members to take a break.

And Finally

Past LMC member Dr Kerri Neylon has been awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours this year. Dr Neylon, a Glasgow GP and Deputy Medical Director for Primary Care for NHSGGC, has been recognised for outstanding contribution to Health and Social Care. Many Congratulations to Dr Neylon from everyone at the LMC.

With warm regards and all best wishes to you all.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair

Dr John Ip
Medical Director

Dr Patricia Moultrie
Medical Director

Marco Florence
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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 14th June 2021

Covid-19 Vaccinations

- COVID-19 Vaccine Explainer Videos

GGC Covid Community Pathway Update to 0-4yr CAC Referrals

- [Covid Community Pathway - arrangements for 0-4 year olds](#)
- [0-4yr CAC referral pathway](#)

Focus on Wellbeing Programme- Webinars

- [HSC Staff Wellbeing - Focus on Wellbeing Webinar Programme](#)

Chief Nursing Officer letter on extended use of face masks in healthcare settings

- [CNO letter on updated extended use of face mask guidance](#)

Scottish Government letter on Childhood and School Flu programme 2021/22

- [SGHD-CMO\(21\)14 - Immunisation Programmes Childhood](#)

Update on Remdesivir use in hospitals

- [14 June update remdesivir COVID-19](#)
- [Remdesivir May 2021 updated policy](#)
- [CEM-CMO-2021-013](#)

WoS Primary Care Cancer Network newsletter

- [WoSCAN Newsletter Summer 2021 Edition](#)

From Week Beginning 21st June 2021

GGC Heart MCN- Long Covid and CT coronary artery calcification

- [Heart Disease MCN Key messages June 21 \(Long Covid CT CAC\)](#)

NSS Safety Information- PPE and heat stress

- [Safety Information Message 2107](#)