



GLASGOW LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE LIMITED

COVID PRACTICE COMMUNICATION NO 29

5th March 2021

To All GPs and GP Practices

Spring has finally arrived! (At least from a meteorological perspective.) The days are starting to lengthen and there is hope in the air- the vaccination programme is progressing well, and a cautious path out of lockdown has been announced by the government.

The first anniversary of GP Practice Escalation (13th March) is a time for GPs and practice staff to look back at the past 12 months and the enormous changes that have taken place in our working and personal lives. General practices have stayed open throughout the pandemic and have adapted to deliver care to our patients. [A blog from Dr John Ip](#) has been published by BMA Scotland in which he reflects on his experience in practice over the past year.

Whilst there is some optimism, we know that the coming months will be challenging- the 2nd dose programme, the increasing patient demand, and dealing with the backlog in secondary care and the long waiting times. The LMC will ensure that general practice is represented on the planning groups and that our views will influence the pathway for NHS Recovery.

Covid Vaccination- Second Doses

Thank you to our practices who responded to the Webropol survey. This has been extremely helpful for the Board and HSCPs in the arrangements for the second dose vaccine programme. Despite the best planning, we know that there will be hiccups in supply and delivery especially with the Easter holiday weekend at the start of April. We are working with the Board to minimise any anticipated disruption for practices.

Covid Vaccination- Patient Queries

Practices are getting calls from many patients looking for advice about their vaccination. This workload is adding to the already high pressure that practices are under. [A guidance document is available which gives information to practice staff on how to direct patients' queries.](#) This is linked in the Highlight list below.

Covid Vaccination- Health Care Support Workers

We provided an update to practices about HCSWs in our [Practice Communication No. 26](#) in January. Since then, the Scottish Government has released further guidance- [PCA\(M\)\(2021\)04](#) to practices on the issue of Indemnity around the Vaccination Programme.

Where practices are using their HCSWs to immunise, it is important to note that **Patient Specific Directions** are required in addition to the appropriate training and supervision in practice.

Covid Vaccination- Proof of Vaccination

There are discussions taking place with the 4 UK Governments about so-called “vaccine passports”. We have raised with SGPC of the urgent need for a national solution to allow individuals access and verification of their Covid vaccination status. We do not want the workload of providing immunisation reports falling onto GP practices.

Lateral Flow Device Testing

Practices have been taking delivery of the LFD test kits. Guidance for practices is available on the [GGC website here](#). The [BMA and RCGP have released a document](#) for GPs with information and the evidence of LFD Testing.

Sessional GP Event

The LMC held a Sessional GP Development Zoom session on Saturday 27th February which was attended by over 35 GPs. We were delighted to see so many of our sessional and locum colleagues. Topics covered included Child Protection Training (thank you to Dr Kerry Milligan), working as a GP locum over the pandemic, and GGC Service & IT update. We hope colleagues found the session useful and we look forward to seeing you in person in future development sessions.

Child Protection Pathway

The Child Protection Referral pathway and Gateway template was updated last year. It was highlighted in the [LMC Practice Communications No 17](#) in September 2020.

GP Child Protection Pathways

- [GP Child Protection Pathways July 2020](#)
- [GGC NOC Child Protection Protocol 280820](#)

Wellbeing

Health and Social Care professionals now have access to a new specialist service offering confidential mental health assessment and treatment. The Workforce Specialist Service will be delivered by experts with experience in treating a range of issues such as stress, anxiety, depression, or addiction, with a focus on the impact this may have on a person’s work. If you are a regulated practitioner working in Scotland, find out more about what the service provides and how to refer yourself by visiting: [The Workforce Specialist Service \(WSS\) - PRoMIS | National Wellbeing Hub for those working in Health and Social Care](#) or you can also email prac.health@nhs.net or call 0300 0303 300.

LMC Social Media

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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.

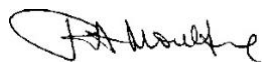
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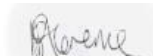
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LMC Document Highlight List

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 22nd February 2021

Covid-19 Vaccinations

GGC Covid Vaccinations Update

- [Email Covid Vaccination Update 260221 1602](#)
- [PCA\(M\)\(2021\)04 - COVID-19 Immunisation Programme – Indemnity](#)

Where to direct Vaccination Queries

- [Where to direct queries V2.0 23 02 21](#)

Priority 6 Cohort Deputy CMO Letter

- [N Steedman Letter 18.02.21](#)

Letter from Cab Sec to Scottish Parliament 19th Feb 2021

- [Letter+from+Cab+Sec+to+MSPs++vaccination+supply](#)

Covid Special Leave / Long Covid

- [Covering Note for PCA\(M\)\(2021\)03](#)
- [PCA\(M\)\(2021\)03 - Long Covid](#)
- [4. SIGN-pcg-covid-care-in-community](#)

Letter to GPs- Dexamethasone use in Nursing Homes

- [Letter to GPs re Dexamethasone](#)
- [COVID - oxygen and dexamethasone in Nursing Homes - guidance \(v1\)](#)
- [Covid 19 Care plan agreement for the use of Dexamethasone](#)

Acute Services Update for Primary Care Issue 2

- [Issue 2 Feb 2021 Acute Elective Services Newsletter for Primary Care2](#)

PPE Ordering Communication

- [Comms Pecos PPE online ordering 190221 Glasgow GP](#)

GGC COPD Digital Service Information

- [Covering Email COPD Digital Support](#)
- [DYNAMIC-SCOT GGC Intro Blog](#)
- [COPD Digital Service Patient Card](#)

Podiatry Update and Diabetic Foot Infection Management

- [Podiatry update covering Email](#)
- [Diabetic Foot Infection Outpatient Management in Adults](#)

Scottish Government Winter Activity Update

- [Winter Activity Survey Update - Practice level data](#)

From Week Beginning 1st March 2021

Shielding- CMO Letter

- [Clinicians - CMO update - liver disease - 19 Feb 2021](#)

PPE Ordering Update

- [Comms Pecos PPE online ordering 02.03.21 Glasgow GP](#)
- [User support and contact information 02.03.21 Glasgow HB Update](#)
- [Primary Care Ordering PPE via Pecos \(GP's\)](#)

Lateral Flow Device Testing- Joint BMA/RCGP Document

- [RCGP BMA LFT final](#)
- [DL\(2020\)32 Guidance on expansion of HCW testing - 15.02.21](#)

NES Webinars- Infection Prevention and Control- 9 & 17 March 2021

- [Protecting Staff Webinars 2021 Flyer](#)