



GLASGOW LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE LIMITED

COVID PRACTICE COMMUNICATION NO 10

5th June 2020

To All GPs and GP Practices

It has once again been a busy week in the LMC. The Executive committee met remotely on Monday and discussed a number of pressing issues. The LMC office is operating normally albeit mostly remotely and from home. The **Contact Us form** on our website is our preferred method of communication and we hope you are finding it useful and prompt.

Serial Prescribing Issue

Following concerns raised by GPs and practices, the [LMC emailed out on Wednesday](#) to inform GPs and practices of our position regarding the rapid roll out of Serial Prescribing by practice based pharmacists. We have a meeting with the Health Board and pharmacy leads scheduled for next week to agree a way forward on this issue. In the meantime, it is our expectation that there will be no roll out of this work in practices until agreement is reached.

Covid-19 Community Pathway

The Hub and Community Assessment Centres (CAC) across GGC are well established and have been assessing and seeing patients presenting with possible Covid-19 illness. There is also a house visiting service which has been working well.

A strategic approach has been agreed to managing patients who are self isolating because of significant Covid risk but who require a face to face assessment for other non Covid related medical conditions. This is an important component of delivering the Covid free General Practice that the First Minister announced in the Routemap. The purpose of this is to ensure that general practice remains a low risk environment supporting sustainability of GP services and facilitating gradual reinstatement of patient services. The Clinical Advisory Group is in the process of finalising a Streaming Decision Tool for GPs and this will be published soon. As part of this work the interface between the patients GP and the CAC will be carefully considered as it is imperative to maintain the continuity between patient and registered GP practice.

Wellbeing

Dr Patricia Moultrie our Medical Director and also Deputy Chair of SGPC has [written a blog post on the issue of GP Wellbeing](#) for BMA Scotland. We know that the past few months has been an exceptionally challenging time for GPs and it is important that we look after ourselves for our own health, and for our families and practices.

[The National Wellbeing Hub \(https://www.promis.scot\)](https://www.promis.scot) is an online resource for all staff and managers in health and social care and has useful information on keeping well, as well as links to support services.

Primary & Secondary Care Interface


Recovery planning across the NHS is currently taking place to restart the services that were suspended during the last 3 months. The LMC is actively involved in this work and this

includes the GP Subcommittee's role in advising and influencing on proposals for new referral pathways.

We have well established groups within GGC and a good track record of cooperation in coming to agreement on clinical pathways. Our input into the various Managed Clinical Networks and Referral Management group have led to Board wide pathways and SCI Gateway templates such as for Colorectal and Direct Access Cardiology Services. We hope to continue this joint working as we transition to the next phase of this pandemic.

With warm regards and all best wishes to you all.

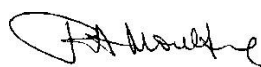
Yours sincerely,



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Chair



Dr John Ip
Medical Director



Dr Patricia Moultrie
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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 (Updated 21st May 2020- NO CHANGES THIS WEEK)

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

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

[NHS GGC Poster on reusable eye protection](#)

Public Health Shielding Update- Issue affecting some Rheumatology Patients

- [NHS GGC Shielding Update 280520](#)
- [Patient Letter](#)

Guidance for Medical Practitioners- Electronic transfer of MCCD to Registrars and NoK

- [Supplementary Guidance - MCCD and Remote Registration - Updated 27.05.20](#)

Guidance from Sandyford regarding sub dermal implant

- [Primary Care update SDI May 2020 FINAL](#)

GP Emergency Mental Health Referral – Adult

- [GP Emergency Mental Health Referrals - Adults and OP 260520](#)

Letter from Drs Marshall and Anderson about Oxygen Concentrators in Care Homes

- [Oxygen Letter](#)

Update to EAMS Letter on 26 May for Remdesivir

- [Update EAMS remdesivir for treatment of COVID-19](#)
- [CEM CMO 2020 025 U](#)