



GLASGOW LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE LIMITED

COVID PRACTICE COMMUNICATION NO 18

25th September 2020

To All GPs and GP Practices

It has been another eventful and busy fortnight for everyone in GP practices and at the LMC. New guidance and restrictions have been put in place and we are all adapting to those changes. The LMC office remains open and taking calls but we are also well prepared for home working if that is required. We encourage you to use the website Contact Us form for any questions and we will respond promptly. Letters can also be sent to admin@glasgow-lmc.co.uk

Full Committee Reconvenes

The full LMC and GP Subcommittee met virtually this week after the summer recess. Virtual meetings will be the norm for us for the foreseeable future. We discussed the plans for the Community Pathway over winter as well as other major issues including GP workload, the Flu programme, and motions for the Scottish LMC Conference in December.

A list of all the Committee members and the areas that they represent can be found here on our website- <https://www.glasgowlmc.co.uk/representation/remit/>

Covid Pathway and Community Assessment Centres

The Covid Pathway has been operating in GGC since April and it has enabled patients to be assessed whilst keeping GP practices Covid free. Committee members at Monday's meeting expressed strong support in maintaining the national Pathway which includes adults and children. As the second wave hits, the capacity of the CACs will require to be increased to meet the numbers of patients needing assessment. We are committed to working with practices, HSCPs and the wider system to promote the sustainability of the Covid Pathway.

GPs, nurses and admin staff within practices are encouraged to come forward if possible, to provide additional capacity to ensure that the CACs are staffed. If you are available, please contact Carole.Noonan@ggc.scot.nhs.uk (Clinical Staff) or ann.forsyth@ggc.scot.nhs.uk (Admin Staff) to enquire about shifts.

Flu Programme

We have had a number of enquiries from GPs and practice managers about this year's flu programme. We have worked together with Primary Care Support in producing a briefing document for GPs to explain the programme in more detail, including the different cohorts, patients from other Board areas, and vaccine ordering. The document is [here](#) and also in the Document Highlight list below.

DDRB Visit to GGC

The Doctors' and Dentist Review Body (DDRB) is the organisation that advises governments on doctors and dentist pay in the NHS. The DDRB "came" to GGC virtually this week to speak to doctors about their views on pay and the current pandemic. LMC members attended this virtual session.

The DDRB heard GPs' concerns about the lack of any significant pay rises in the past 10 years which is impacting on take home pay. In addition, pay and morale has been affected by pension changes, increasing workload, and difficulties in recruitment.

Retirement

Mary Fingland is set to retire from her role as Business Coordinator at the end of November. Mary has been with the LMC for 20 years and is well known to many GPs and practice managers. She is a font of knowledge and her experience, dedication to general practice, good humour will be difficult to replace.

With warm regards and all best wishes to you all.

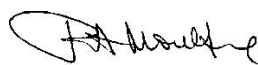
Yours sincerely,



Dr Alan McDevitt C.B.E.
Chair



Dr John Ip
Medical Director



Dr Patricia Moultrie
Medical Director



Mary Fingland
Business. Coordinator

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 NHSmail box is monitored daily.

From Week Beginning 14th September 2020

Chief Medical Officer Letters

- [Chief Medical Officer - final version - SGHDCMO\(2020\) 23 - Enhanced Surveillance of COVID-19 in Scotland Serology programme –](#)
- [Chief Medical Officer - final version - SGHDCMO\(2002\)24 - ACP guidelines - 11 September 2020](#)

Guidance for GP Practices on ACPs

- [Dementia - COVID-19 ACP guidance](#)
- [Talking about Dying KM slides 1 9 20](#)

Shielding Updates

- [Covering letter Shielding update](#)
- [Item 2iii - Shielding - Update Letter \(Final\) – September](#)

Information for Practices- staff and positive case

- [Information for Practices where a member of staff has a positive Covid19](#)

From Week Beginning 21st September 2020

Chief Nursing Officer Letter on use of Face Masks

- [COVID19 - HAI - Guidance - Updated extended use of face masks guidance - CNO Letter](#)

GGC Flu Programme comms for GPs

- [Flu Vaccination Programme Comms - GP-HSCP Briefing - 240920](#)

Oral Nutritional Supplement (ONS) Sept Newsletter

- [ONS newsletter Iss12 Sep20](#)