



GLASGOW LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE LIMITED

COVID PRACTICE COMMUNICATION NO:1

20th March 2020

To All Practices,

RE: Covid-19 Planning for GP Practices

We are writing to you to give you a brief update on the planning and preparations that we are contributing to Board discussions on with regards to the current Covid-19 outbreak. The LMC is part of the Board-wide Incident Management Team as well as the primary care subgroup. There are twice weekly meetings. The situation across the UK remains fluid and subject to change on a daily basis.

Planning for Covid-19 is underway across all sectors of the Health Board including hospitals and community based services.

National and local discussions are addressing the issue of supply of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for GP practices, deep cleaning of GP practices, and IT for remote working as well as for business continuity. Guidance is awaited on varying contractual requirements on practices in the event of a serious outbreak.

We want remind practices of the importance of having an up to date Business Continuity Plan and to ensure that all members of the practice team are aware of it. If you do not have a plan, there is a template Business Continuity Plan on the LMC website library section under Practice Management. We strongly encourage practices to refresh their plans at this time.

<https://www.glasgowlmc.co.uk/glasgow-lmc-library/>

We are happy to receive emails or contact us forms with suggestions or problems you are encountering .This will allow us to feed these into discussions. However any decisions will come from board or national channels once agreed and the LMC will not normally respond to each individual communication. We hope that you will understand the need for consistency of information and for that to come from the appropriate channels.

Yours sincerely,

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