



GLASGOW LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE LIMITED

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19th November 2021

To All GPs and GP Practices

Welcome to our November newsletter. General practice continues to operate under huge pressures and we are seeing this with the GP Workload Survey data that practices are submitting. The [most recent figures](#) estimates that GP practices in GGC are providing over 110,000 appointment every week. Thank you to those practices that are participating in the weekly survey and we like would encourage more practices to take part. [Link to the original letter send to practices in October.](#)

Covid Community Pathway

The Board is currently reviewing the Community Pathway looking at the services being provided as well as appropriate patient referral groups. We are mindful of the importance of the service especially over the winter and the continuing need to protect vulnerable patients who are attending GP practices from dangers of Covid exposure. Included in this review- the pathway for under 12s, the house visiting service, and symptomatic patients who are double vaccinated with a negative PCR test.

We hope that the review will ensure that the Community Pathway is sustained over the coming months without the need to activate the Emergency Practice Contribution Plan.

Covid Vaccine Exemption

The Covid passport is mandatory for certain large events and nightclubs. We were pleased that the [CMO issued clear and explicit guidance](#) that stated-

“GPs and their teams cannot issue vaccination exemption certificates.”

[NHS Inform](#) has information for those who have questions about the passport and about exemptions. The Covid Status Helpline on **0808 196 8565** is also available for the public.

GP IT System Re-provisioning

The current contracts for GP practice clinical systems (EMIS and Vision) are expiring and there is an ongoing national procurement process to approve the next generation of clinical software. The re-provisioning process has been somewhat slow but it is anticipated that one or more clinical systems will be approved and ready for deployment by 2022 to 2023.

The Board has convened a Programme Board to oversee the process of choosing the next system for GP practices as well as the migration process. The LMC has been actively involved in this group and will be considering any proposals coming from the group. We anticipate that further news about approved systems will be available in early next year.

Interface Group

We continue to meet with acute colleagues and Board officers at the Primary and Secondary Care Interface group. We cover a wide range of issues which impact service across both general practice and the hospital / mental health sector. Examples of recent discussions include-

- Acute phlebotomy clinic capacity and waiting times
- Agreement that hospitals should not refuse acute admission on the basis of “catchment area”
- Agreement that dermatology referrals are not rejected because of a lack of a digital image
- Building on examples of good practice using remote technology
- Active Clinical Referral Triage (ACRT) implementation

Scottish LMC Conference

LMC representatives from all over Scotland will meet virtually for the Scottish LMC Conference on Friday 3rd December. Glasgow LMC will have 20 reps attending the conference. Topics for debate include 2018 Contract and PCIP implementation, the Covid Community Pathway, GP workload, public messaging about GP services and the NHS, and workforce and wellbeing.

Cameron Fund

We are conscious of the increasing pressures facing GPs and the impact that this is having on GPs’ wellbeing. This may result in more GPs needing to take time away from work, which might cause them financial difficulties. We would like to remind GPs, including trainees, that the Cameron Fund is available for support if needed. The Fund’s aim is to help GPs get back to work (or continue with their GP Training) as soon as they are able. The support it gives is tailored to an individual applicant’s needs and in line with the applicant’s plans. More information can be found [here](#).

With warm regards and all best wishes to you all.

Yours sincerely,

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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 25th October 2021

Covid-19 Vaccinations

- [Covering Email Primary Care Update for Severely Immunosuppressed Cohort and 3rd Primary Dose of COVID Vaccine](#)
- [FVCV Severely Immunosuppressed Cohort Primary Care Update 19.10.21 Final](#)

Guidance about MCCDs and remote registrations

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

Information on how to contact local authority registration offices can be found here-
<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files/registration/RegOfficeContacts.pdf>

Coaching for Wellbeing Pack

- [CfW Promo Oct 2021 full links](#)

GP Direct Access to CT Chest Webinar FAQs

- [GGC Lung CT FAQ FINAL](#)

Scottish Government Long Covid Campaign

- [Covering email Long Covid](#)
- [Stakeholder Toolkit long COVID](#)

From Week Beginning 1st November 2021

CMO Letter and Poster about Covid Vaccine Certification- **“GPs cannot issue vaccination exemption certificates”**

- [CMO advice to GPs Covid Certification Scheme](#)

GGC Advice on Prescription issues and Pharmacy First

- [Prescription Issues and Pharmacy First FINAL Nov 21](#)

Guidance about the new Child Disability Payment in Scotland

- [Update terminal illness definition for disability assistance in Scotland Child Disability Payment National Launch](#)

From Week Beginning 8th November 2021

Covid-19 Vaccinations

Green Book Update – Booster dose timing flexibility

- [8FECBF95](#)

Sandyford LARC Referrals

- [Email LARC Referrals](#)

Scottish Government Covid 19 antivirals update

- [2021-11-09 Antiviral Letter to Health Boards V1](#)

PHS Childhood Immunisations guidance

- [What to expect after immunisation. Babies and young children](#)
- [Appendix 1. Paracetamol dosing PSD June 2021](#)

Scottish Government Staff Wellbeing Programme

- [Covering Email Focus on Wellbeing programme](#)

- [HSC Staff Wellbeing Focus on Wellbeing Webinar Programme November 21](#)

Scottish Government - Bridging Contraception

- [Bridging contraception in community pharmacies Letter](#)
- [Bridging contraception in community pharmacies guidance](#)

From Week Beginning 15th November 2021

GGC Winter Vaccination Programme Update

- [Winter Vaccination Programme Update](#)

JVCI Advice on Clinical Trial Participants

- [Chief Medical Officer - final version - SGHD\(2021\)32 - Covid-19 Vaccination Programme- JCVI Advice on Clinical Trial Participants - 11 November 2021](#)