



GLASGOW LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE LIMITED



CHRISTMAS PRACTICE COMMUNICATION NO 24



18th December 2020

To All GPs and GP Practices

Welcome to our Christmas Practice Newsletter and the final one for 2020. As we approach the end of this year, we reflect on the enormous changes in our lives that have taken place since March. GPs and practice staff have faced unprecedented challenges in this extraordinary year, however...

We responded, adapted, and delivered.

We have kept services going; rapidly changing our practices' processes to keep staff and patients safe. We have stayed open and available to our patients throughout the pandemic. We worked through the Easter and May public holidays to support the NHS. We stepped up to support the Covid Community Pathway. We helped the whole health system and patients with the ACP and Shielding work. We delivered the 18-64 flu programme. We are stepping up to offer Covid vaccinations to our older patients. All whilst dealing with practice workloads which are higher than pre-pandemic levels.

We can be proud of our collective response to the pandemic.

Take time to rest over the festive period. Stay safe. 2021 will undoubtedly throw further challenges to us but we know that GPs and practices will be resilient, and the LMC will be here to support you.

Covid Vaccination Programme

The Oxford-AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine is pending approval by the MHRA for use in the UK. As this vaccine is simpler than the Pfizer vaccine to distribute and store (normal fridge temperatures), the plan is that it will be used by GP practices for the over 80s Covid vaccination programme. The opt in letters for the Covid-19 Vaccination DES were sent to practices this week. An FAQ will be coming out once more information is known. This will cover issues around ordering of the vaccine, safe storage and use, guidance and education on the administration of the vaccine, and IT / data entry.

Covid-19 Staff Vaccinations

NHSGGC published the [staff groups who will be given initial priority](#) for the staff vaccination programme. GPs working in Red Zones - the CACs and GP OOHs and those in higher risk groups will be amongst the first to be immunised. Information has been sent to GP practices about the prioritisation and how GPs and staff members will be able to receive their immunisations.

Many GPs have been concerned about the prioritisation list and we have urgently raised those concerns with the Health Board. [A communication was sent to all practices](#) on Thursday about

the programme and the prioritisation process. We continue to have meetings with the Board and clinical leads about staff vaccinations, and our aim is that GPs and practice staff are vaccinated as soon as possible -adequate vaccine supplies allowing.

AWI and Care Home Residents

GPs are reminded that the 176 days extension period to Adults with Incapacity Section 47 certificates has expired. It is important that AWI certificates are up to date for care home residents who are due to receive the Covid-19 vaccinations. We ask that GPs prioritise this group of patients for any AWI update.

The [Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland has guidance](#) about AWI assessments by video or telephone. Section 4.6 of the document gives advice on assessments and examination by video or telephone. It is quite a lengthy section but the take home message for GPs especially with patients in care homes is that “*the use of technology for MHA assessments, rather than a second choice may actually be preferable.*”

In addition, the [Scottish Government guidance about Section 47 certificates](#) which is relevant for Covid-19 vaccinations.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/section-47-certificate/>

Covid Community Pathway- Updated contact information

Main Contact for CACs:

Raylene.McLaggan@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

Booking a shift at Barr St CAC:

If you are already on the Glasgow Performers list, you can go online and book direct or contact Derek Johnston Rota Administrator on Derek.Johnston3@ggc.scot.nhs.uk .

If you are not on the Performers list, please contact Sandra Hendren Sandra.Hendren@ggc.scot.nhs.uk .

If you're not sure and would like a wee informal visit please contact Janet.tobin@ggc.scot.nhs.uk to arrange a visit at a time and date to suit.

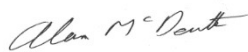
New NHS.scot addresses

Thank you to those who have updated us with your new nhs.scot email addresses. We still have a number of practice managers whose email addresses are in the nhs.net format.

Can any practice managers who haven't already sent in their new email addresses, please send their new one to elaine.mclaren@glasgow-lmc.co.uk? If any GPs are still to update us, can you also please notify Elaine.

Have a Merry Christmas and festive wishes to you all!

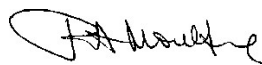
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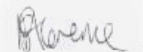
Dr Alan McDevitt C.B.E.
Chair



Dr John Ip
Medical Director



Dr Patricia Moultrie
Medical Director



Marco Florence
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 NHS.scot box is monitored daily.

From Week Beginning 7th December 2020

Shielding Update

- [Shielding Cover Email](#)
- [COVID-19 - Shielding - Risk Assessment Booklet Covering Letter](#)
- [Balancing everyday risks booklet](#)

Scottish Government- COVID-19 Vaccination Programme

- [SDHD-CMO\(2020\)33 -COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAMME 04.12.20](#)

Community Pathway- Practice Emergency Contribution

- [CAC Hub Practice Emergency Contribution covering letter](#)
- [Covid 19 Community Pathway- Practice Emergency Contribution](#)
- [General Practice Escalation November 2020 FINAL](#)
- [PCA\(M\)\(2020\)02 - COVID-19 GGC Form](#)

CMO Letter the Diabetic Eye Screening Programme

- [SGHDCMO\(2020\)32 - Important Changes to the Scottish Diabetic Eye Screening Programme](#)

COPD Exacerbation Medicines Supply Service

- [SBAR COPD exacerbation service Dec 2020](#)

Downgrading of USOC Referrals letters

- [Regrading standard letter](#)

RHC Safety Netting and Parent/Carer Information Leaflets – QR codes from Paediatrics

- [Coughs colds over 1 QR codes list - amended 071220](#)

From Week Beginning 14th December 2020

GGC Shielding Update- CKD5 and Down's Syndrome (also with previously issued letters)

- [20201214 pc shielding v1 jodowd](#)
- [GP update - CKD5 searches - 14 December 2020](#)
- [GP update - searches - 17 November](#)
- [Clinicians - CMO update - 30 October – final](#)
- [CMO Letter to DS Community 30 Oct 2020 - final](#)

NHSGGC Staff Covid-19 Vaccination update for GP practices (17th December)

- [Covid Vaccination update for GP practices 161220](#)

Sandyford Service update on sexual health screening

- [info on sexual health screening for primary care Dec20](#)

Diabetes MCN- Prioritisation of DM care during pandemic

- [Prioritisation of Diabetes care during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

NHSGGC Core Brief 14th December 2020- Covid-199 staff vaccination programme

- [278 - Core Brief - 14 December 2020](#)

NHS Counter Fraud Alert

- [COVID-19 £500 Bonus Payment Scam](#)

Scottish Government- GP.scot Practice Websites programme update

- [GP scot update email text](#)
- [GP scot update November 2020](#)

GGC Infection Prevention and Control- Christmas advice

- [IPC and Christmas in General Practice](#)

Scottish Government letter on Patient Registration amendment

- [GP Registration - December 2020](#)

West of Scotland Cancer Primary Care Cancer Network Newsletter

- [Covid19 Cancer Recovery Plan Edition](#)

GP Nurse Lead letter about Covid Vaccinator staff bank enrolment

- [COVID VACCINATORS- Dec2020](#)