



GLASGOW LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE LIMITED

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To All GPs and GP Practices

Welcome to our July 2024 newsletter.

SAVE THE DATE

We will be holding our annual GP and Practice Managers' meeting, and AGM at 7pm on Wednesday, 11th September at the Glasgow Caledonian University.

Superannuation-Employer Contributions

The LMC office forwarded a letter from the Scottish Government on Monday. This confirms that general practice will receive funding to cover the additional cost of the superannuation contribution rate increase, and that it will be backdated to 1st April. LMCs and SGPC have been pressing for this over many months so we are pleased to see this. The Chair of SGPC, Dr Andrew Buist, wrote about this in a [blog](#) this week.

CTAC

We are hearing from GPs and practices that some acute hospitals and clinics are directing patients to CTAC for secondary care investigations. We would like to remind practices that the CTAC services are there to support GPs and to take work away from general practice. If this is happening in your practice, please let us know.

Primary Care Data and Intelligence Platform

National Services Scotland is developing a new Primary Care Data and Intelligence Platform (PCDIP) which will extract GP practice data for use in quality improvement, service development, statistical analysis, and research. It replaces SPIRE (Scottish Primary Care Information Resource) which has been decommissioned. An interim solution is currently in place which can only extract aggregate data*. It cannot extract any data that contains patient identifiable information.

A new GP Editorial Board has been set up to oversee and scrutinise the data extraction requests for the new PCDIP. It has GP subcommittee representation from all 14 health boards. The GP Editorial Board is chaired by Dr Neil Kelly and our medical director Dr John Ip is deputy chair of the group. We will be keep GPs and practices updated of the work of the group as it progresses.

**Aggregate data consists of total counts broken down by specific categories – for example, total number of patients split by age, or total number of diabetic patients.*

GP Workforce Survey

We would encourage practices to complete the Scottish Government's GP Workforce Survey, which was sent to practice managers. The data from the survey is used by the SGPC national negotiators when meeting the Scottish Government to challenge statements and assertions made about progress regarding GP recruitment, and to ensure that the reality of the situation in general practice hits home to politicians either directly or indirectly through the media work SGPC will also do. Dr Patricia Moultrie, in her capacity as Deputy Chair of SGPC, wrote about the importance of the survey data in a [blog](#). The survey closes on 31st July.

Practice Situation Survey

We would like to thank practice managers for their ongoing support with our practice situation survey. This is a weekly, one question survey to practice managers asking them to gauge the level of pressure experienced by their practice over the past week. We are aware that many practices are experiencing significant workload demand and practice pressures. We are keen to monitor the situation in general practice in GGC and to allow us to feed back locally and nationally. The survey is anonymous and should take practice managers less than a minute to complete. The weekly email notes the data that is coming into the office. We are having good uptake with this, with around 120/130 practices completing this each week.

Email Mailing List

If any GPs would like to receive our communications direct to their own inbox, as well as their practice's, please do [let the office know](#).

Wellbeing Resources

The cumulative stress of the pandemic, the workload pressures, and patient demand is undoubtedly affecting people's mental health. We know that practice leadership, and a supportive and valuing culture in general practices is vital in maintaining the wellbeing of the practice team. These are some of the wellbeing resources available to GPs, PMs and practice staff-

National Wellbeing Hub- www.promis.scot

NHS GGC Occupational Health Service-
[Occupational Health - NHSGGC](#)

The Workforce Specialist Service-
[The Workforce Specialist Service \(WSS\) - National Wellbeing Hub](#)

BMA Wellbeing Resource-
<https://www.bma.org.uk/advice-and-support/your-wellbeing/wellbeing-support-services/sources-of-support-for-your-wellbeing>

Working Health Services Scotland
[Working Health Services Scotland \(WHSS\) - Health and Well-being \(nhsinform.scot\)](#)

The Cameron Fund
[The Cameron Fund | The GPs' Own Charity](#)

Royal Medical Benevolent Fund
[Royal Medical Benevolent Fund - Help for Doctors in Need \(rmbf.org\)](#)

Yours sincerely,

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