



GLASGOW LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE LIMITED

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To All GPs and GP Practices

Welcome to our February 2026 newsletter.

Locum GP Development Event

We will be holding our annual Locum GP Development Event on Saturday, 14th March (10.00am-4.00pm) at the Golden Jubilee Conference Hotel in Clydebank. The programme includes an IT and Service Update; Child and Adult Protection; and CPR. Locum GPs wishing to attend should email elaine.mclaren@glasgow-lmc.co.uk to register.

Public holiday

The Scottish Government has announced a bank holiday on 15th June. We have asked the Board to clarify whether this will apply to GMS contractors. We will update practices as soon as confirmation is received.

CVD DES-Extension to Deadline for 2025/26

The health board issued a communication on 12th February 2026 advising GP practices that the deadline for the submission of CVD DES claims has been extended to 31st March 2026. Practices should ensure coding is completed by this date. Claims should be submitted through ESCRO by 8th April 2026 to receive payment.

PLT

A communication and the associated funding were distributed to GP practices in January to cover the health board's allocation of PLT funding for GP practices from the Scottish Government. This funding was distributed on the same basis as in previous years, i.e. Global Sum percentage.

Agenda for Change

NHS/HSCP staff on Agenda for Change are in the process of having their working week reduced. We are aware that this will have an impact on some practice services including PCIP and MOU staff. We have been clear with the board that changes must not result in unfunded transfer of workload or supervision responsibility to practices.

Injection Administration Requests

We are aware of requests being received by GP practices from secondary care for assistance with the administration of specialist use only injection medication. We have raised our concerns regarding this with the health board. If you have any instances of this happening in your practice, please inform the LMC, so we can address this effectively.

GLP-1 Prescribing

We have received a number of enquiries from GP practices regarding requests from secondary care for GPs to prescribe GLP-1 medication for weight loss. We would like to remind GPs that there is currently no agreed pathway in GGC for GLP-1 medication to be prescribed for weight loss. The only agreement pertains to the treatment of diabetes. Therefore, practices should not accept prescribing responsibility for weight loss treatment. Please let us know if your practice has received these requests.

Westmarc

Queries have been raised with the office regarding the new Westmarch forms for wheelchairs. We did not agree the form and informed the service that leg /seat/ back etc measurements are not routine GP metrics and will not be done as part of the GP referral. If the data requested is not something that would be routinely held by a GP practice, “Unknown” would be a sufficient response from the practice.

Data Extraction

The board wrote to practices on 24 November with information about a new GP data extraction project. In summary, with the demise of SPIRE, there is no facility in GGC to obtain data from GP practices for analysis and for service planning and development. Practices’ access to analysis of their own data is limited to the functions that are built into the clinical system- such as Population Manager in EMIS. The project will initially focus on aggregated data (i.e. not patient data) such as disease and prescribing figures.

Other boards in Scotland have implemented similar programmes. In those areas, GP practices have access to applications such as dashboards which can display their own patient and activity data. This can be very useful for practices to understand their demand and activity levels as well as providing clinical data for audit and quality improvement work. The GP dashboard is a key part of this project in GGC. The LMC will work with the board to ensure appropriate functionality and analysis is built into the specifications.

The GP data extraction is an Opt-in process and requires explicit consent before any data can be extracted. This is a key role for the Data Controller(s) in the practice. There is a consent form as part of the documents attached to the email which needs to be returned to the board. The LMC is working with the board to organise an online session to give further information to GPs and practice managers. Details about this will be emailed to all practices soon. If you have any questions, please contact the LMC office, your local Clinical Director, or email the eHealth team.

GDPR Queries

The LMC would like to remind GP practices that as part of the joint data sharing agreement, the [board’s data protection team](#) can provide guidance to GP practices on GDPR requirements, including subject access requests.

SGPC Update

SGPC has published a [blog](#), which includes updates on the GP funding package deal negotiations; SGPC’s considerations around the 2026/27 GMS Uplift; and SGPC’s position on the Scottish Government’s GP walk in centres.

GP Email Mailing List/Social Media

As well as our newsletters, we communicate directly with GPs and practices with important updates. We are keen to ensure that these reach as many GPs working in GGC. To receive our communications direct to your own inbox, please go to the following links:

- Partner/Salaried GPs- <https://uk.surveymonkey.com/r/8R8HH3M>.
- Locum GPs- <https://uk.surveymonkey.com/r/FJH6W67>.

You can also follow us on social media at <https://www.facebook.com/GlasgowLMC> and <https://x.com/GlasgowLMC>.

LMC's GP Practice Situation Survey

We would like to thank practice managers for their ongoing support with our practice situation survey. We are receiving responses from around half of the practices in GGC each week. Especially ahead of the upcoming pressures associated with winter, we believe the survey will continue to be a useful barometer of how practices are feeling in terms of pressures, and are finding it a good tool for sharing with the health board the picture of general practice in GGC. We have asked the board to have greater focus on supporting general practice in its winter planning.

Wellbeing Resources

The cumulative stress of the practice workload, financial 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- <https://wellbeinghub.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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