



## GLASGOW LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE LIMITED

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### To All GPs and GP Practices

Welcome to the April 2026 newsletter. This month we have important updates on Vision migration, new funding arrangements, enhanced services and emerging service pressures affecting general practice.

### GP IT Reprovisioning

GP practices that have migrated from EMIS to Vision are reporting to us significant challenges affecting practice workflow and clinical safety.

The GGC GP IT Reprovisioning Programme Board following an emergency meeting, has supported a slowdown to the current migrations to provide extra support to practices. We remain concerned about the operational and safety risks associated with GP IT migration, including reduced clinical efficiency, increased workload, and potential reputational impact on practices. We have escalated these concerns directly to the SGPC negotiators.

It is essential that practices continue to report their experience of migration both before and after migration directly to the migrations team at the board, so that issues can be identified and addressed at both local and national level.

Practices experiencing operational strain whether related to IT migration or other pressures, should consider using the **GGC General Practice Escalation Framework** where appropriate. Reference should also be made to [BMA Scotland Safe Workload Guidance](#) to support safe decision making during periods of sustained pressure.

### Workforce Funding and Non Staff Expenses

Following the announcement last year of the SGPC-Scottish Government negotiated funding deal for GP practices, [circulars from the Scottish Government](#) were issued by Primary Care Support on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026. This sets out the requirements and has information on payments for GP practices for 2026/27. Practices must ensure compliance with the first deadline of 15 May 2026. There is a list of the important dates starting on page 18 of the document entitled *Core Funding Increase for Workforce Capacity-General Practice*.

SGPC has also published a [blog](#) and [guidance](#) for GP practices.

### Locum Reimbursement Rates

As part of the funding deal SGPC has negotiated with the Scottish Government, there are increases to the locum reimbursement rates.

There is an uplift to reimbursement for all types of supported leave, as well as introducing sickness support from **DAY 1**. The first two weeks are half the full rate and SGPC is keen to review this in the future. The leave is cumulative, so if total absences are above two working weeks, then the full rate can be claimed. There is also the introduction of supported Neonatal Care Leave. More details can be found in this [Scottish Government circular](#).

## CVD DES

The [circular for the 2026/2027 CVD DES](#) was issued by Primary Care Support to GP practices on 24<sup>th</sup> March. The board asked for GP practices to respond by 8<sup>th</sup> April if a practice wishes to opt in. Any GP practice which wishes to opt in and has not advised the health board, should contact the GMS Contracts Team ASAP.

The Scottish Government has issued a communication requesting that in order for the Escro tool to be operational for the 2026-27 CVD DES, all practices/ Boards are asked to complete the submission of CVD DES 2025-26 claims on the Escro tool by 30<sup>th</sup> April (for work completed up until 31<sup>st</sup> March).

A further communication will be issued to confirm when the Escro tool is ready to be used for the 2026-27 DES. It is expected that this will be at the beginning of May.

## Public holiday

The Scottish Government has confirmed that the national holiday on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June** will be a GP practice public holiday.

## Glasgow City HSCP- Pharmacotherapy Changes

A number of GP practices in Glasgow City have contacted us to raise concerns about the communication that has been issued by Glasgow City HSCP regarding changes to the pharmacotherapy service.

The LMC has previously challenged the 2024/25 pharmacotherapy mapping exercise and its subsequent recommendations due to concerns regarding deliverability, capacity, and alignment with the 2018 GMS Contract. We wrote feedback to the lead pharmacists at the board, who produced the documents. We are now seeing individual HSCPs using that review in their own ways.

It is the case that HSCPs do not have the capacity, funding nor staffing levels to deliver the service that was expected of the 2018 GMS Contract or both iterations of the MOU- 1&2. There is a lot of wasteful double administration happening within hubs, so we agree some operational changes may be appropriate. What individual HSCPs do, however, should be in collaboration with the GP Subcommittee and local GPs.

Please do contact the LMC office, so that we are aware of your concerns regarding this but we would advise you to also raise your individual practice's concerns with your CD and the pharmacotherapy team at the HSCP.

## Scottish Prostate Cancer Initiative

We have been contacted by multiple GPs regarding this private screening initiative. We have concerns about the impact on general practice workload and secondary care referrals. We have raised this directly with the health board.

## Locum GP Event

We were pleased to welcome around fifty locum GPs to our annual Locum GP Development Day on 14<sup>th</sup> March. Sessions were held on a service/IT update; Locum GP Employment Opportunities in GGC; BLS Training; and Child and Adult Protection.

The LMC has also recently undertaken a survey of locum GPs regarding employment opportunities in GGC and the LMC will be considering the findings.

## Contacting the LMC/GP Subcommittee Office

If you have an enquiry or require guidance from the LMC/GP Subcommittee office, please use the [enquiry form on our website](#). When contacting the office using this form or a medical director/staff member's email address, please ensure that you do not include any patient identifying information e.g. name, address, date of birth or CHI number.

## 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 \(rmbf.org\)](http://rmbf.org)

Yours sincerely,

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