



## GLASGOW LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE LIMITED

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### To All GPs and GP Practices

Welcome to the May 2026 newsletter.

There has been a lot happening in recent weeks and there are a number of important messages for GPs and practices this month:

- Review the Scottish Government circulars on the 2026/27 GP funding arrangements and note the first deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026.
- Watch the SGPC webinar recording if you were unable to attend.
- Monitor local GP IT Re-provisioning communications and raise unresolved operational or patient safety concerns.
- Practices signed up to Extended Hours should ensure the requested information is submitted to the Board by 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026.
- Please avoid including patient identifiable information when contacting the LMC/GP Subcommittee office.

### 2026 Election

April saw the first meeting of the 2026 session for the LMC/GP Subcommittee. Following the election, we are pleased to welcome new members Dr Richard Earl and Dr Barry McLachlan (South East District); Dr Elaine Campbell and Preethy Balaji (Western District); and Dr Elizabeth Marshallsay (Renfrew District). Dr Moyna Arokianathan and Dr Cystalline Lim will also be joining the committee as Sessional GP representatives.

We would like to thank Drs Peter Horne, Max Peluso, Dawn Rees, Allan Thomson and Madeleine Whyler for their contributions to the GP Subcommittee/LMC following the ending of their terms as members.

### Workforce Funding and Non Staff Expenses

We hope that GPs and Practice Managers were able to attend the board's Teams meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> April/the SGPC webinar on 29<sup>th</sup> April regarding the GP funding deal. For those who were unable to make SGPC's webinar on the new GP funding/anyone who wishes to watch it back, please see this link for the recording [Click to watch](#).

Practices should now review the [circulars from the Scottish Government](#) which were issued by Primary Care Support on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026. These set out the requirements and have information on payments for GP practices for 2026/27. The first deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

We are aware that the app for practices to submit their returns is still to be made available- we hope the Scottish Government will release this soon. 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.

### GP IT Re-Provisioning

We continue to raise local and national concerns about the challenges practices are experiencing through the GP IT Re-provisioning programme. We are aware that migration can create significant operational pressure for practices, including disruption to workflows, reduced efficiency, and potential patient safety risks if problems are not resolved promptly.

We would encourage practices to continue reporting issues through the agreed escalation routes and to keep contemporaneous records of any significant operational impact, unresolved faults, or patient safety concerns.

The Health Board has produced a website that practices may wish to share with patients to explain the programme and the planned migration timetable. The site is being updated with upcoming practice migration dates and can be found [here](#).

### **Enhanced Services**

The health board is currently undertaking a review of enhanced services, which the LMC is engaging with the board on. A communication was issued by the board on 14<sup>th</sup> April advising that any GP Practice wishing to change its opt in status for any enhanced service should contact the GMS Contracts Teams to advise of this.

Information was also issued on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026 to practices signed up to Extended Hours regarding information the board is seeking. We would remind practices that this is to be submitted by 8<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Locum GP Employment Survey**

At our March Locum GP event, we again surveyed locum GPs about opportunities for in-hours GP work in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. We now have three years of data on two key questions:

- whether locums have seen a change in demand for their services over the past 12–24 months
- whether they are able to find as many in-hours GP sessions in NHS GGC as they wish to work.

The 2026 results show some improvement compared with 2025 which is welcome. Responses to questions about GP locum capacity and future career intentions were broadly stable between 2025 and 2026.

We will continue to use this information to inform discussions with the Health Board about GP workforce capacity, the availability of sessional work, and the wider sustainability of general practice in GGC.

### **Scottish Prostate Cancer Initiative**

We have been contacted by GPs about the Scottish Prostate Cancer Initiative, which is a private initiative. We have concerns about the potential impact on general practice workload, particularly where private screening activity may generate follow up requests, test interpretation, onward referral queries, or additional patient contacts within NHS general practice.

We escalated our concerns to the Board and SGPC. As a result, national guidance was circulated in the weekly mailing on 24 April 2026. We would encourage practices to review that guidance and to be cautious about accepting unfunded workload or clinical responsibility

arising from privately initiated testing unless there is a clear contractual, clinical governance and patient safety basis for doing so.

### 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](#).

Please do not include patient-identifiable information when contacting the office, whether through the enquiry form or by email. This includes names, addresses, dates of birth, CHI numbers, or any other information that could identify a patient.

### 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 \(nhsinform.scot\)](https://www.nhs.uk/working-health-services-scotland/)

**The Cameron Fund**

[The Cameron Fund | The GPs' Own Charity](https://www.thecameronfund.org/)

**Royal Medical Benevolent Fund**

[Royal Medical Benevolent Fund - Help for Doctors in Need \(rmbf.org\)](https://www.rmbf.org/)

Yours sincerely,

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