



GLASGOW LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE LIMITED

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To All GPs and GP Practices

Welcome to our July 2026 newsletter.

GP Workforce Funding

The first deadline for the GP Practice Workforce Survey was Monday, 29th June. Thank you to practices that took the time to review the information and submit a response.

This work forms part of the SGPC- Scottish Government funding package which has the potential to provide important stabilisation support for general practice. The LMC will continue to keep practices updated as further details emerge.

Secondary Care Prescription Requests

Updated guidance regarding prescribing from acute outpatient clinics is now available. [5-10-supply-of-medicines-from-outpatients-v5-3-2025.pdf](#). The key amendments are:

1. Removal of the previous wording that allowed a request “as per your local formulary choice”.
2. Replacement with a requirement for secondary care to request a specific item.
3. Inclusion of the duration of treatment within the information that should be provided. The drug name, dose, preparation, frequency and duration should be clearly stated.

This is an issue the LMC has raised with Health Board colleagues following concerns from practices. The revised wording is a useful step forward, as requests to practices should be clear, specific and clinically appropriate.

GPs should not be left to infer what secondary care intended to prescribe. If practices continue to receive requests that are vague, incomplete or inappropriate, please raise these with the LMC so that we can continue to pursue this with the Board.

Scottish Government Telephony Survey

The UK-wide switch-off of traditional analogue (PSTN/ISDN/ADSL) telephone infrastructure is scheduled for January 2027. Practices should ensure that any telephone services dependent on older analogue infrastructure are identified and that plans are in place for migration to suitable digital/IP-based provision.

The Scottish Government is conducting a survey on current practice telephony systems, awareness of national guidance, readiness for transition, and support needs. Practices are asked to complete the survey by **24 July 2026**.

Telephony is also a key feature of the SGPC–Scottish Government funding package. It is important that the Scottish Government has an accurate understanding of practices’ readiness, risks, and support requirements.

Vision Migration- Ongoing practice impact

The LMC continues to receive reports from practices about the operational impact of the migration to Vision, including slower workflows, prescribing delays, administrative inefficiency and loss of clinical capacity.

Practices experiencing significant issues are encouraged to document examples, including the impact on appointment capacity, prescribing, administrative workload, staff time, patient contacts and any safety concerns. Evidence from practices is essential in supporting LMC representation to the Health Board, PSD Scotland and Scottish Government.

Practices should continue to report technical issues through the IT Helpdesk but should also let the LMC know where the cumulative impact is affecting safe and sustainable service delivery.

GMS Uplift

We are awaiting an announcement of the negotiations between SGPC and the Scottish Government regarding the GMS uplift for 2026/27. As soon as we have confirmation of this, we will advise GPs and GP practices.

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. The survey continues to be a useful barometer of how practices are feeling in terms of pressures, and we are finding it a good tool for sharing with the health board the picture of general practice in GGC.

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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