**BMA Scottish GP Committee/Scottish LMC Update – February 2021**


# BMA Scottish GP Committee (SGPC) Update:

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The BMA Scottish GP Committee (SGPC) held its first meeting of the new year on 21 January 2021 which welcomed the new Scottish sessional representative Jennifer MacDonald; congratulated Chris Williams and David Shackles on their appointments as RCGP Co-chairs and Catriona Morton as deputy chair.

A presentation was provided by the chair to clarify details with the [joint letter -GMS Contract Update for 2021-22 and Beyond](https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/publications/DC20201203GMS_Contract.pdf), following feedback from the SGPC Executive and as an opportunity to hear from members of SGPC. Information from the presentation is available online on the [BMA Scottish GP Committee webpage](https://www.bma.org.uk/pay-and-contracts/contracts/gp-contract/2021-update-to-2018-scottish-gms-contract).
The committee also discussed the redesign of urgent care across LMC areas, and the delivery of COVID-19 vaccinations in relation to vaccinating GPs and practice staff as well as the over 80s.

The committee received various reports from the GP Sessional committee and GP Trainee committee. SGPC also heard updates on premises, IT, GP Wellbeing, medical appraisal and pensions.

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Various letters were sent by the Scottish Government over the winter period amongst these was [PCA(M)(2020)17 COVID-19 Vaccination DES](https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2020%28M%2917.pdf), sent on 26 November and a communication from the [CMO on COVID-19 Vaccination Programme](https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19---vaccine-letter-from-the-chief-medical-officer-updating-on-the-vaccination-programme---1-january-2021/) on 1 January 2021.

Due to the COVID-19 vaccination supply issues experienced by practices, a communication from the Interim CPO was sent on 22 January to GP Practices, COVID-19 Vaccination Programme – Primary Care - GP Practices to thank GP practices for their significant contributions to the delivery of the COVID-19 vaccination programme and to provide more transparency on the vaccine supply arrangements. In addition, the letter also contains information on scheduling of vaccine clinics, second doses; avoiding wastage; reporting arrangements; and commits to looking at possible ways to improve the ordering process put forward by the BMA Scottish GP Committee.

## Negotiating issues and contracts

### Refresh of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

A refresh of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is being progressed by both BMA SGPC and Scottish Government negotiating teams. The final version will be approved by the GMS National Oversight Group in March 2021.

## Information Management and Technology

### GP Workload Data Collection

A communication from PHS was sent with a joint RCGP and SGPC letter dated 17 December 2020 on GP Practice Workload and Activity. The letter requested and encouraged GP practices to participate in a 15-20-minute survey each week to complete the number and nature of patient encounters on a weekly retrospective basis. The survey also asks about GP sessions and staff hours available, and hours lost, due to COVID-19 or otherwise. The survey is to help us understand where there are imminent workload/workforce capacity issues in a practice.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the GP practices who have taken the time out of their busy schedules to complete the survey and would like to encourage you to continue to do contribute and to others to encourage your participation. The information provided will help us highlight workload and workforce concerns which we have reiterated continuously within General Practice and provide us with the tangible evidence to show this.

If you have any queries about the survey or guidance please contact phs.generalpractice@phs.scot .

### Scottish Joint GP IT Group

The eleventh meeting of the Scottish Joint GP IT Group will be held virtually on 18 February 2021, with an update on Order Comms, the GP workload data collection, Docman 7 and a discussion on eHealth resolutions of Scottish LMC Conference 2020 relating to GP IT infrastructure and Digital Asynchronous Consulting Solutions (DACs).

SJGPITG also heard updates from the Primary Care Reform Digital Board, NHS Education for Scotland -National Digital Services (NDS), Scottish National Users Group (SNUG), Systematised Nomenclature of Medicine – Clinical Terms (SNOMED-CT), Scottish Clinical Information Management in Practice (SCIMP), Emergency Care Summary (ECS) Service Board, and GP2GP. Other topics discussed include data repository, and electronic prescribing. The next meeting of the group will be on 19 May 2021.

# LMC Update:

## For information

### Scottish LMC Conference 2020

The Scottish Local Medical Committee Conference was held virtually via MS Teams on 4 December 2020 with a keynote speech from the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport, Ms Jeane Freeman MSP, and debated motions on wellbeing/workforce, public health, immunisations, contract and negotiations and much more. It was Teresa Cannavina’s final year as chair of conference and Teresa was thanked for her hard work and contributions to the Scottish LMC Conference in organising and chairing conference.

A total of 40 motions were passed at conference which can be accessed [online](https://www.bma.org.uk/media/3594/sgpc-slmc-meeting-resolutions-2020.docx).

The 2021 Scottish LMC Conference will be held on 3 December 2021, details on whether this can be held in person are yet to be confirmed, and will be arranged by the elected agenda committee: Denise McFarlane (Grampian) as new chair of conference, Alastair Taylor (Glasgow) as deputy chair, Chris Black (Ayrshire & Arran) and Waseem Khan (Glasgow) as members of the agenda committee and Andrew Thomson (Tayside) who was co-opted after the conference.

### LMC UK Conference

The Annual Conference of Representatives of LMCs (UK) 2021 will be taking place virtually on **12 and 13 May 2021**. Further details are [available online](https://www.bma.org.uk/media/3694/bma-uk-lmc-conference-letters-and-appendices-jan-2021.pdf). Motions for the conference should be submitted by **19 February 2021, noon**.
LMC representatives who are appointed to attend are to submit their forms no later than **Friday 26 March 2021**.

### LMC and GP Subcommittee Board Visits

Due to the impact of COVID-19 the negotiating team have postponed all physical future visits. The negotiating team are however attending virtual meetings. If it would be helpful to meet with the negotiating team virtually please do get in touch.

## Contact us and follow our work

### Our BMA Scottish GP Committee (SGPC) negotiating Team:

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| ***Dr Andrew Cowie******Deputy Chair, SGPC*** | ***Dr Andrew Buist******Chair, SGPC*** | ***Dr Patricia Moultrie******Deputy Chair, SGPC*** |

**Any emails for the** **BMA Scottish GP Committee negotiating team should be submitted to** info.gpscotland@bma.org.uk**Your ideas about achievable measures to reduce pressure on general practice are always welcome. We can’t respond to every email, but all emails are read and considered by the team.** |

### Blogs from our negotiating team:

* [GP Update: Vaccinations and Contract –](https://bmascotland.home.blog/2021/02/02/gp-update-vaccinations-and-contract/) 2 February 2021
* [GP Update – Vaccination and Wellbeing](https://bmascotland.home.blog/2021/01/08/gp-update-vaccination-and-wellbeing/) – 8 January 2021
* [A Joint Blog on Interface Working](https://bmascotland.home.blog/2020/12/11/a-joint-blog-on-interface-working/) – 11 December 2020
* [Reflections on the Debate – GPs Conference and Our Contract](https://bmascotland.home.blog/2020/12/09/reflections-on-the-debate-gps-conference-and-our-contract/) – 9 December 2020
* [Chair of SGPC Speech at the SLMC Conference 2020](https://bmascotland.home.blog/2020/12/04/chair-of-sgpc-speech-at-the-slmc-conference-2020/) – 4 December 2020
* [GP Contract Update](https://bmascotland.home.blog/2020/12/03/gp-contract-update/) – 3 December 2020
* [Scottish LMC Conference 2020](https://bmascotland.home.blog/2020/11/23/scottish-lmc-conference-2020/) -23 November 2020 (from Chair of conference)
* [COVID Vaccine Update](https://bmascotland.home.blog/2020/11/20/covid-vaccine-update/) – 20 November 2020
* [Latest GP Updates](https://bmascotland.home.blog/2020/11/16/latest-gp-updates/) – 16 November 2020
* [GPs Under Pressure](https://bmascotland.home.blog/2020/11/11/gps-under-pressure/) – 11 November 2020

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**LMCs are reminded they can contact Andrea Ma, BMA Scottish GP Committee (SGPC) secretariat for more details (**ama@bma.org.uk**).**