

The role of the GP as an Expert Medical Generalist co-ordinating a multi-disciplinary community care team

A new formula for calculating the core funding each practice receives

Significant investment in a number of services which NHS Boards and Integration Authorities are expected to put in place to support the work of General Practice

This strategic document is supported by a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which sets out a model for collaborative multi-disciplinary teams working alongside GPs in their role as Expert Medical Generalists.

6 key areas of priority were identified **Vaccination Transformation, Pharmacotherapy, Community Treatment and Care (CTAC), Urgent Care, Community Link Workers and Additional Professional Roles to include First Contact Practitioner Physiotherapists and Primary Care Mental Health Professionals.**

The MOU was revised in 2022 to highlight **Vaccinations, CTAC and Pharmacotherapy for prioritisation** against the background of the pandemic. It is anticipated that these new arrangements will see a reduction in GP workload and a substantial increase in practice sustainability.

3. DETAIL OF REPORT

The Primary Care Modernisation Programme is delivered and governed internally by an operational board which ultimately reports to the IJB on the progress of delivery in Argyll & Bute. Argyll & Bute has specific needs in the delivery as specified.

In February 2022 approval was obtained from the Scottish Government to exercise rural flexibility in Argyll and Bute:

Full Flexibility - 4 small island practices (**Coll, Colonsay, Jura and Tiree**)

Partial Flexibility - 14 remote and rural practices (**Mull and Iona 4 GP Surgeries, Islay 3 GP Practices, Bute, Port Appin, Easdale, Lochgoilhead, Strachur, Kilmun, Tighnabruaich, Carradale, Kilcreggan and Arrochar**)

Flexible options

Full Practices continue to deliver vaccination and CTAC services

Partial Co-delivery of services by the practices and HSCP Teams

A snapshot of developmental work to date is presented to the board in appendix 1 and the current picture of demand on our GP services in appendix 2.

The board is asked to note the progress made in a challenging environment for our primary care professionals. This is characterised by an ongoing Covid-19 response, increased demand and challenges in recruitment. The board is asked to take assurance from the internal governance oversight.

Vaccination Transformation and Community Treatment and Assessment Centres (CTAC)

An approach to ensuring needs are met for remote, island and urban communities in Argyll & Bute is informing development and recruitment for the Vaccination Transformation and CTAC service.

Vaccination was identified as an area of transformation prior to the pandemic and is now firmly within the public interest. This area is currently a focus for recruitment and some benefits are already being seen in the implementation of the CTAC teams and delivery of vaccination programmes.

Pharmacotherapy (treatment using medication)

Current pharmacotherapy resources including a new hub model based in Helensburgh. This has seen service delivery at Levels 1 and 2 for the majority of GP practice. However extending to Level 3 across practices is limited by available funding and recruitment challenges.1(m)12(e)-6(n)-13(t)21()2(1(m)12(e)-.7)-34(r)21

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