



Good Practice

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Important Dates

January 2022 Payment

Medical Payment date for January: Monday 31st January 2022

Earliest date from when e-Statements may be available: Wednesday 26th January 2022

February 2022 Payment

Medical Payment date for February: Monday 28th February 2022

Earliest date from when e-Statements may be available: Wednesday 23rd February 2022

Covid Records Form

Previously we had advised that it was our intention to circulate an online form to allow practices to submit the number of COVID records following some uncertainty with the initial PCA. Just as an update to this, the IT team are currently finalising the form and we hope it will be available in early February. We plan to give practices a number of weeks to complete after which we will reconcile the numbers and calculate the appropriate payment due.

Ongoing, the plan is to wrap all of the claims for vaccines that practices are still undertaking into a single form in which we also hope to capture the eligible manual updating of any records and run this as a quarterly exercise. In this way we will significantly reduce the number of forms practices need to submit and can much more easily reconcile the payments due. We will provide more detail on this as the project progresses, but the plan is to move to this approach for 2022-23.

As soon as the COVID form is ready we will circulate to practices and their respective boards to ensure we get full coverage.

New SPPA Retirement Application Form

SPPA have uploaded a new retirement application form for Practitioner members. Anyone who holds current or previous Practitioner service should now use this form when submitting their retirement application.

You can find the new PRAC:RET form here: <https://pensions.gov.scot/nhs/nhs-forms>.



Records from Unverified Sources

Practitioner Services have been made aware that a few practices may have received records from Practices in England through unverified routes.

There appears to have been instances where records have been sent directly to the practice in the post and at least one instance where a link was emailed to a practice link to download the record.

These are not processes that have been approved by NHS Scotland and Primary Care Support England (PSCE) in NHS England. We are currently investigating these with PCSE.

As these have not been established by NHS Scotland, Practitioner Services cannot comment on the security of these as it has not been subject to the usual information security and data protection reviews that NSS undertakes for processes of this nature. As such, we would advise that practices take caution when considering accessing and importing any information received through unverified routes. You should consult your local GPIT facilitators before importing for their advice regarding the security of this.

If you receive any records from any route such as these which have not come through the normal transfer procedures; please do not forward on any links or attachments but contact your local Practitioner Services team to let us know the details so this can be investigated appropriately.

Transvaginal Mesh Fund Payments £25

Practices that have recently provided medical reports for the Transvaginal Mesh Fund will be paid in the January payment – see notes on statement.

NES Annual Virtual Conference 2022 – Save the Dates

Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th April 2022

Following on the growing success of the 2021 conference, NES is delighted to confirm that it will once again be hosting the conference virtually over two days in 2022.

This event will be of interest to all those involved in medical education and training, medical appraisal, dental education and training, practice management, nurses, midwives, allied health professionals, healthcare chaplains, support workers, educationalists and strategic leaders.

There will be a number of plenary and parallel sessions by all the health professional groups and an opportunity for joint sessions highlighting inter-professional learning.

The meeting is sponsored by NHS Education for Scotland, and there will be no charge for participation.

For further details on the programme and how to register please contact nes.conference@nhs.scot



PCA Circulars

2021-01-28 PCA(M)(2021)01 – Covid-19 Dispensing GP Practices: NHS Medicines Delivery (v2)

[https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2021\(M\)01.docx](https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2021(M)01.docx)

2021-02-08 PCA(M)(2021)02 - £500 one off non-consolidated payment to persons working within an independent service provider

[http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2021\(D\)01.pdf](http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2021(D)01.pdf)

2021-02-22 PCA(M)(2021)03 - COVID Special Leave

[https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2021\(M\)03.pdf](https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2021(M)03.pdf)

2021-02-26 PCA(M)(2021)04 - COVID-19 Vaccination Programme – Primary Care – GP Practices - Indemnity

[https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2021\(M\)04.pdf](https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2021(M)04.pdf)

– Dispensing GP Practices : Extension of NHS Medicines Delivery

Service

[https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2021\(M\)05.pdf](https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2021(M)05.pdf)

2021-06-25 PCA(M)(2021)06 - Universal access lateral flow device test kits – GP Dispensing Practices COVID-19 test kit distribution service

[https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2021\(M\)06.pdf](https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2021(M)06.pdf)

2021-07-27 PCA(M)(2021)07 – Influenza & Pneumococcal Temporary Enhanced Service

[https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2021\(M\)07.pdf](https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2021(M)07.pdf)

2021-08-20 PCA(M)(2021)08 – GMS Uplift

[https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2021\(M\)08.pdf](https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2021(M)08.pdf)

2021-09-16 PCA(M)(2021)09 - Covid-19 Vaccination Directed Enhanced Service

[https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2021\(M\)09.pdf](https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2021(M)09.pdf)

2021-09-28 PCA(M)(2021)10 – Guidance to Health Boards to serve notice to Practices to continue to deliver vaccinations deadline for rural flexibility and options appraisal

[https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2021\(M\)10.pdf](https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2021(M)10.pdf)

2021-10-06 PCA(M)(2021)11 – Universal access lateral flow device test kits – Dispensing Practices covid-19 test kit distribution service – amendments to standard operating procedure and product supply

[https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2021\(M\)11.pdf](https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2021(M)11.pdf)

2021-11-29 PCA(M)(2021)12 – GP Practices – Sustainability Payment – 2021-22 & 2022-23

[https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2021\(M\)12.pdf](https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2021(M)12.pdf)

2021-12-02 PCA(M)(2021)13 – Introduction of Electronic Transfer of Acute Medication Service (AMS) Prescriptions for Prescribers within Primary Care Out of Hours Centres

[https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2021\(M\)13.pdf](https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2021(M)13.pdf)

All CMO circulars & historic circulars can be searched on:

<http://www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/>



External 2022 Events & Seminars

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Details of external events & seminars are provided as a free service to our General Medical Services audience.

[Syncope 2022 – Everyone's Problem](#) | **Friday 4 February, 9am GMT**

This one-day hybrid conference will provide an up-to-date look at the assessment and treatment of syncope and will feature interactive presentations, case based learning and panel discussions.

[Interactive Cardiology Conference](#) | **Friday 11 March, 9am GMT**

Join us to discuss heart failure and HFpEF, the increasing problem of obesity and reflect on a decade of cardiology landmarks and controversies.

[Neurology Conference](#) | **Friday 18 March, 08.30am GMT**

This conference will update you on a range of topics, including Atypical Parkinsonism, Huntington's Disease, how COVID-19 has and will impact neurological care, as well as looking at neurology in clinical settings.

[Stroke Conference 2022](#) | **Thursday 24 March, 09.20am GMT**

Talks on the day will include small vessel disease, managing cervical artery dissection and endarterectomy and stenting for carotid artery disease.

[Palliative Care Conference 2022 – Challenges in end of life care](#) | **Friday 29 April, 09.05 BST**

This one-day hybrid event will feature the challenges presented in end of life care. Topics include how to deal with additional complications such as addiction, post-mortems and the medico-legal aspects of end of life care.

[RCPSG Postgraduate Diploma in Travel Medicine](#) | **New intake starts on 31 January**

Our Diploma gives an academic base that assists individual to become autonomous and reflective practitioners in the delivery of travel medicine services.

[The Lower Limb and Foot in Diabetes: Assessment and Management Modules](#) | **Digital Learning**

Completing these modules will give a better understanding of the pathophysiology of diabetes, the pathway to amputation and the principles of infection control and wound management.

[Medical Take](#) | Podcast series

This free podcast series discusses clinical cases, non-technical factors and leadership.

Contact details for these events:

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Practice Staff | Care navigation skills (part one)

Tuesday 8 Feb 2022 (Part two on Tuesday 15 March 2022)

This event is for Practice Staff and will run over 2 sessions. Dr Val McGarrell from Prima Linea will lead the sessions on Teams. Prima Linea Training has developed a set of unique training sessions to support, encourage and upskill the front line of the GP practice to deliver and grow non-clinical navigation.

Book here <https://sforce.co/3p6wCuW>

First 5 | GPs as academics and researchers

Wednesday 23 February 2022

Ever wondered how you could continue exploring academic or research work alongside clinical work? Join us to hear from three doctors who have done just that: Professor Phil Wilson, Professor Frank Sullivan and Dr Andrew Williamson.

Book here <https://sforce.co/3sfGhBi>

GP Wellbeing | How to thrive, not just survive, at work and in our lives

Thursday 10 March 2022

Dr Rachel Morris, host of the popular medical professional podcast 'You are not a frog' joins us to share top tools and support you need to go from overwhelmed and exhausted to thriving and successful in work and life.

To find out more, contact scotlandevents@rcgp.org.uk

Primary Care Clinical Lead opportunity

RCGP Scotland have a new and exciting opportunity for a Primary Care Clinical Lead to be part of a three-year project focussing on primary and secondary care interface working. The post holder will work closely with the team at RCGP Scotland and with NHS Scotland's Centre for Sustainable Delivery. This role will be four sessions a week (46 weeks per annum) or can be offered as a job share with two sessions per week each.

For further information about the role and to apply, please visit the [RCGP Jobs website](#). Please share with any potentially interested individuals or colleagues. The closing date for applications is 12 noon Monday 7 February.

Contact details for events:

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Regional office mail boxes

The following regional office mailboxes should be used by GP Practices for all queries and communications.

If possible, please try to avoid leaving voicemail messages on our phone extensions and instead send us an e-mail.

These mailboxes are routinely checked by each team and we encourage you to keep a note of these handy for reference.

Please populate the 'Subject' with your Practice code and the content, eg signatory mandate, quarterly vaccination claim, etc.

If you are sending an e-mail other than from the practice e-mail account, can you please ensure your practice details are included in your e-mail signature at the foot of your e-mail to enable us to identify your practice.

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Edinburgh office

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All enquiries: nss.psd-gppractices-aro@nhs.scot

NB NHS Tayside practices should continue to e-mail their local mailbox with local enhanced services data as per existing arrangements and use the above mailbox for all other communication with the Aberdeen office.

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