COVID-19

Lee Savarro - Chief of Dentistry Update (11-12-2020)

I hope you are all managing to get a little more Christmas cheer, although the announcement that most of us will be in tier 3 may have been a little disappointing. At least the shops and hairdressers are now open!

A couple of things to update on:

- **Covid Vaccination Programme**

  As you will appreciate the announcement this week of the first Covid vaccinations taking place came as very welcome news. The supply of vaccine received this week was limited however we have been advised that the Health Board are in a position to deliver considerably more vaccines next week from clinics at Louisa Jordan, GRI, RAH, Vale of Leven, Inverclyde Royal, Stobhill, Gartnavel General and QEUH.

  NHS GG&C are following Scottish Government advice and prioritising those who are most at risk. Within the acute setting this means starting with the staff working on inpatient wards designated as ‘red covid wards’ and CACs in the community.

  In Oral Health Directorate we are starting with our staff working in delivery of dental services to patients attending for emergency and urgent care who are on our ‘red pathway’ in the daytime and the out of hours. Those colleagues contributing to this service should have been contacted or be contacted in the near future for an appointment. We will contact other dental teams as the Board releases its further priorities for staff immunisation.  We are working hard to keep dental teams front and centre as an at risk group.

  We also await news as to how many Covid vaccinators the Board require from dental teams and when that becomes clear we will call for volunteers. The training is relatively onerous so I wouldn’t like colleagues to spend a lot of time in vain on training and not be utilised in this role.

- **Flu Vaccination Programme**

  We have contacted all GDPs to confirm that we are now in a position to offer peer flu vaccinations for all GDS staff.

  The tables below which have already been sent to GDPs provides details of the sessions. To book please click on the appropriate link. Appointment slots are filling fast, so many of these dates may already be full. Due to social distancing guidelines please do not turn up before your appointment time.

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- **Pharmacies Open over Festive Period**
  All GDP practices will have received this week a list of the pharmacies open during the festive holidays.

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Staff Wellbeing

Here are some helpful contacts/websites which you may wish to share with your teams.

- Helpline
  The helpline number is for all Health and social care workers, they can access mental health support through the national wellbeing helpline, open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The number to call is 0800 111 4191.

- Promis Website (without the e)
  Lots of good information for staff & families to access www.promis.gov

- Latest Covid updates for Primary Care Contractors

- Support & Information Service
  The Support and Information Services (SIS) are available for NHS GGC staff, patients, carers and visitors. They offer a wide range of support and have links to other community based advice organisations, including those for money advice and resolving debt.

  There is a Support and Information Service in the foyer at Stobhill ACH, New Victoria ACH, Glasgow Royal Infirmary and Queen Elizabeth University Hospital. This makes the SIS the ideal first point of contact for staff needing help and support.

  Check their website for locations, opening times and local phone number, or email: sis@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

  Opening Hours: **Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm.** Telephone: **0141 452 2387**

Intelligence Alert from CFS

On 30 November 2020, the First Minister announced that a one-off pro rated payment of £500 would be made available by the Scottish Government to all Scottish NHS and social care workers employed since 17 March 2020, as recognition for their extraordinary service during the pandemic.

CFS has been made aware of telephone calls received by NHS and social care staff within the Glasgow area, requesting bank details from them in order for the bonus payment to be made. This has been identified as a scam, and staff are urged not to disclose any bank details to unknown callers.

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All bonus payments made to NHS Agenda for Change staff will be coordinated through your payroll department. All contractor payments will be coordinated through Practitioner Services where the process for GP Practices, Dental Practices, Optometrists and Pharmacies is yet to be confirmed.

Staff will not be required to disclose any personal details or bank account details over the telephone in relation to this payment. Any enquiries should be directed in the first instance to your line manager or your payroll department.

Kind regards,
Lee Savarrio, Chief of Dentistry