

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde

# Core brief



## Volunteers' Week

Today sees the start of Volunteers' Week (1<sup>st</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup> June), where we celebrate the invaluable contribution volunteers make to the daily life of NHSGGC.

This year in particular, our services have been enhanced by the many more volunteers who have come forward to support us during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chairman, Professor John Brown, CBE, said: "I would like to personally express my gratitude and thanks for the time and support volunteers have generously given to NHSGGC during these exceptional times.

"Volunteers play an important part in the culture of the NHS. Collectively they make a difference by enhancing the experience of patients and families who use our services. The offers of support that the organisation has received from volunteers have been outstanding and we are truly grateful."

Volunteers' Week celebrations may be somewhat curtailed this year, but if you are marking the week in some way, remember to tag us (@NHSGGC) to spread the word.

[Click here](#) to share a short video which celebrates the work of our volunteers.

## Dementia Awareness week (1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> June)

Many of you will be aware that this week is also Dementia Awareness Week. Many of you were looking forward to our third year of “Lap the Gart”. It is usually such a fun event to get the week started. Unfortunately we have had to put the plans for this on hold.

While we need to be mindful of the effects of this pandemic on many of our patients it would still be good to recognise that people with dementia, more than ever, need to feel connected, informed and part of a community.

This year to mark the event we are asking staff and patients to take part in the Alzheimer Scotland campaign to show your support by decorating a forget-me-not flower. You can do this in many ways. You can visit <https://www.alzscot.org/> to download and print the flower from there and join in by putting the completed design in your window at home or sharing via your social media platform. Remember to copy in Twitter @sandrewshields @christineahp, @NHSGGC @alzscot and try to make sure that people with dementia and their carers know that staff in NHSGGC are thinking about them at this time.

You will find large poster versions of the Forget-me-not flowers in all the staff hubs from Wed – Friday. Please come and support the decoration of them. There will also be A4 size versions available for patients on the wards to join in.

Because people with Dementia are known to be at increased risk of delirium we have chosen this week to launch the new NHSGGC Delirium portal on StaffNet:

<http://www.staffnet.ggc.scot.nhs.uk/Acute/Dementia2/Pages/Delirium.aspx>

This is where you will find all the up-to-date information on delirium, links to guidance and educational resources. Also be on the lookout for the new “In the time of Covid-19 it’s still TIME for Delirium Care” posters that are being delivered to wards during this week.

**Are your contact details up-to-date? [Click here to check](#)**