

Core brief

Daily update

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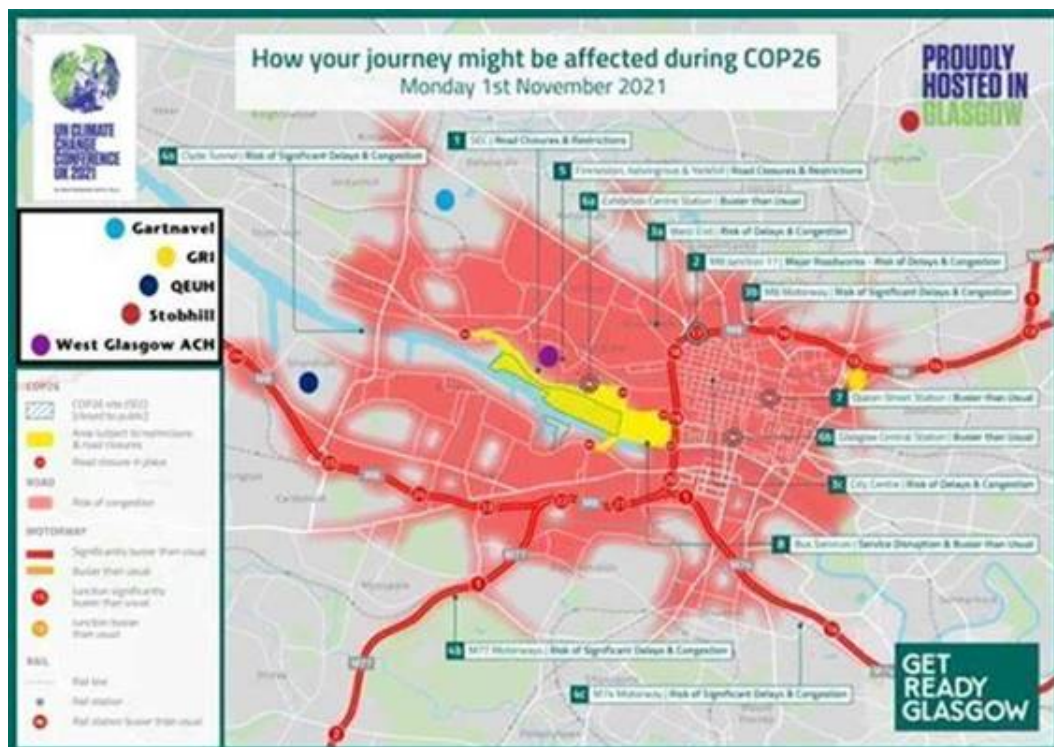
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Act now ahead of COP26 disruption

Today and tomorrow, more than 120 world leaders are in Glasgow for COP26 and the majority of the 25,000 delegates have now arrived in Scotland. This will add to the disruption caused by some of the main road closures, including the closure of the Clydeside Expressway and Clyde Arc, with additional road closures in and around the city centre and Finnieston areas. Anyone travelling in Glasgow must now plan ahead to ensure reaching their destination in time. There will be a high level of disruption before, during and after the event.

There may be unscheduled protests which block roads or cause other significant disruption. The congestion heat map is below:



You must act now to plan ahead. Watch this video that details some of the expected impacts of COP26 and how you can get ahead: [\(77\) NHSGGC Staff - UN Climate Change Conference \(COP26\) Travel Information - YouTube](#)

Have you checked the staff FAQs? A number of questions which services and staff may have in relation to NHSGGC operations and how they might be impacted by COP26 have been produced. These are available at: [NHSGGC: COP26 Climate Conference](#).

Remember to carry your staff ID with you at all times to access your own facility and any others you have to attend.

You can keep up to date on all COP26 arrangements by visiting: www.getreadyglasgow.com

For a useful round-up on COP26 disruptions on the BBC website, visit: [COP26: How are road closures affecting Glasgow? - BBC News](#)



Left to right – Jack Wallace (Ewan's son), Dr Ewan Wallace and NHSGGC Chairman, Professor John Brown CBE

Doctor completes 800km climate cycle ahead of COP26

A NHSGGC doctor has cycled over 800km, from London to Glasgow, to raise awareness around the impact of air pollution on health, ahead of COP26.

Dr Ewan Wallace, Consultant in Paediatric Anaesthesia and Chronic Pain at the RHC, took part in the massive Ride for their Lives trek, alongside fellow health care professionals.

The challenge started at Great Ormond Street Hospital in London on Sunday, October 24, with Ewan clocking his final kilometres at Glasgow's Gartnavel General Hospital yesterday (Sunday, October 31).

Ewan was one of 39 participants to complete the gruelling 800km cycle, while others completed various stages in cities such as Bristol, Sheffield and Newcastle.

Ewan said: "This has been one of the best experiences of my life, it was great to get such an important message out there, while meeting so many people and members of the public along the way.

"We have a unique opportunity to use the platform of COP26 to highlight the impact that air pollution has on our health and the health of our children. This is our chance to be a voice for younger generations and our patients.

"I've always been an advocate for becoming greener and more sustainable, so this was a natural fit. I set up the Green Theatre Project at the Royal Hospital for Children in Glasgow, which looks at how we can reduce

the environmental impact of theatres, by trying to cut down on waste and tackle reducing the use of anaesthetic gases that have high levels of greenhouse gas effects."

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Health and Safety message - Monitoring COVID control measures

To assist local areas in monitoring the social distancing control measures in place, a monitoring log is available for use. The log is located [here](#).

Information relation to Physical Distancing can be found [here](#). If you have any ideas to improve Physical Distancing practice, please share with your line manager and email here: SDCommsGroup@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

Lateral Flow Tests - Available to all staff working on site

Speak to your line manager about where to collect your test kit, then:

Register
your kit

Test
twice per week

Record
your results

Keep your colleagues and patients safe from COVID-19

Help stop the spread!

Visit: www.nhsggc.org.uk/lfid-stafftesting

Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at: www.nhsggc.org.uk/covid19. If you have any questions about the current situation please check the FAQs first. If you have any further questions, please email: HR.Support@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.

Staff are reminded to make sure their [personal contact details are up to date on eESS](#).

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