

Core brief

**Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive
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The exceptional work happening across NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde has been recognised this week, with several of our colleagues gaining awards recognising their remarkable efforts.

At the annual Scottish Health Awards last night, there was success for the Amma Birth Companions Team who won the Tackling Health Inequalities award and our Glasgow City HSCP colleagues, whose Homeless Health and Asylum Team were named the People's Choice Award winners. Elsewhere, our Macmillan Scottish Mesothelioma Network was recognised for their work, winning the Innovation Award and Glasgow Royal Infirmary Consultant Surgeon Stuart Watson took home the Global Citizenship Award.

I would like to congratulate everyone who took home an award. Each of you have really done yourselves and your teams proud. A huge congratulations to all of our winners for these very well deserved awards.

I would also like to congratulate colleagues shortlisted for an award. The Scottish Health Awards are the most prestigious awards for those working across NHS Scotland and to be shortlisted amongst your peers is a significant achievement in itself. Well done and thank you for your hard work and commitment to your patients and colleagues.



My congratulations also go to the Glasgow Clinical Research Facility who have won a prestigious Student Nursing Times award for its exceptional student placement programme. The Queen Elizabeth University Hospital-based team took home the Hospital Student Placement of the Year prize at an awards ceremony at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London last night, after topping a competitive shortlist of placement programmes from across the UK.

I know that there are continuing pressures right across our health and social care services and my thanks go to you all for continuing to care for our patients professionally and compassionately. It is really important that our patients are seen by the right people, in the right place and at the right time. Part of this is ensuring we do what we can to inform people what is available to them, from our minor injury units, to support within community pharmacy and our primary care colleagues. As you may have seen, the Scottish Government has, this week, formally announced that Scottish Health Boards are able to redirect patients away from our EDs if they present with minor ailments and do not require emergency care. We will continue to encourage people to consider their options before coming to our EDs and with the additional redirection approach, I am hopeful that this will support more people to be seen more appropriately and quickly for the benefit of all our patients.

This week is [Occupational Therapy Week](#) and this year we are celebrating the diverse nature of this allied health profession. I would like to thank the members of the Occupational Therapy team for their very informative videos, which have been shared with staff over the course of this week. The breadth of the service and the role Occupational Therapists play in helping people of all ages overcome the effects of disability caused by illness, ageing or accident so that they can carry out everyday tasks or occupations and live as happy and healthy a life as possible is to be commended. I would like to thank all of our Occupational Therapists for all that you do to provide to support our patients achieve their full potential in their daily lives.

Finally, as the first week of COP26 draws to a close, I want to thank all of you who have been impacted by the disruption. I know it's not been easy with travel and transport, so thank you for planning ahead. Please remember that [information is available](#) to help you plan while COP26 takes place, should you need to travel to and from Glasgow City. Thank you.

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