

Core Brief



Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive

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Dear Colleagues,

In my first message of 2025, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and to thank all staff who worked over the festive period.

Our key focus at this time is to manage the demands the winter brings which this year is being compounded by high levels of flu within our communities. We are continuing to encourage the public and staff to take the opportunity to get vaccinated during this time. Any staff member who would like to do so can attend one of our drop-in clinics, running throughout January. No appointment is required, and you can find out where the clinics are located [here](#).

I'm delighted to see that two NHSGGC staff members have been recognised in the 2025 New Year Honours List. Dr Brian Patrick Murphy, previously a Consultant Cardiologist, has received an MBE for services to heart failure therapies and to people with Motor Neurone Disease (MND). Margaret Clark, Emergency Laparotomy Nurse Specialist, has received a British Empire Medal for services to the NHS in Scotland. Congratulations to both colleagues for this tremendous recognition.

On Monday, the UK's first safer drugs consumption facility will open in Glasgow. I'd like to thank everyone involved in the planning and development of this facility, which is the culmination of several years' work delivered in partnership. It will provide a key harm reduction service to some of the most vulnerable in our society. Today, I, along with our Chair, Dr Lesley Thomson, the Alcohol and Drugs Recovery Services team, and representatives from Glasgow City Council and the Integrated Joint Board, met the First Minister, John Swinney, and Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Neil Gray, as part of a ministerial visit ahead of the launch. My thanks to everyone who helped facilitate this visit. I look forward to seeing the Safer Drugs Consumption Facility have a positive impact as part of our holistic approach to tackling addiction.



Dr Saket Priyadarshi, Associate Medical Director for Alcohol and Drug Services in Greater Glasgow and Clyde, gives a tour of the facility

And finally, I'd like to pass on my best wishes to all staff for the year ahead, and finish with some lovely patient feedback regarding the Princess Royal Maternity staff:

"I would like to thank the staff in labour ward at the Princess Royal maternity for such great care. I was taken to labour ward one morning mid-December and had an emergency section that night. A special mention to midwife Carly who looked after us that day and also Christie who looked after us on nightshift. Both of these midwives really made me feel safe and respected any decisions I made. I would also like to thank all the theatre staff involved. Every single one of them were friendly and really made sure we had a calm and happy environment and made sure our baby girl arrived safely. Can't thank you all enough."

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