

Core brief

Daily update
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Major incident call out system update

Liberty is the automated notification system which broadcasts information to groups of people using phone, email, SMS, or page messages, which is used by NHSGGC to inform relevant individuals of major incidents.

Following feedback from users, the message has been shortened and you will only need to confirm your name and that you have received the message, however, you can still request to listen to the message again.

Any feedback please email: sally.johnston@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.

Changes to COVID-19 guidance

Although we have seen an increase in Covid-19 cases in recent weeks, most patients have experienced mild symptoms at most and there have been no patients admitted to ICU. There are early signs that numbers are stabilising or reducing.

In line with guidance elsewhere in the UK, we have decided to change the guidance for use of facemasks in our hospitals, primary care and wider healthcare settings excluding Care Homes.

Facemasks are no longer compulsory in public areas or when staff are making their way around our hospitals, primary care and wider healthcare settings. However, the use of masks is strongly recommended when providing patient care or passing through a clinical area. In the care of children, the use of masks should be risk-assessed.

There will be no change to guidance around testing:

- Staff should only perform an LFT if they are symptomatic.
- Symptomatic patients will continue to be tested to guide their care as well as for IPC.
- There is no requirement for contacts of a positive person to perform an LFT, except under direction of our IPC teams.

Given the high occupancy rates all our sites are currently experiencing, and the risks of moving patients away from their host speciality ward weighed against the relatively low risk from COVID, guidance on moving patients and pausing admissions to wards is also changing. Where appropriate, you will receive a detailed briefing on these changes.

We would like to thank you for your co-operation in implementing these changes, and for your continuing commitment and professionalism in these difficult times.



GGC Medicines Update is a series of blogs with important medicines related messages relevant to all healthcare professionals across GGC. Please see below for new blogs and relevant updates.

New blog

Click on the following link to access the recently published Medicines Update blog.

- [Safe use of insulin for adults admitted to hospital - Prescribing](#) this is second in a series of blogs on the safe use of insulin for adults in hospital. Look out for the third in the series covering administration soon. Summary of blog series available [here](#) and first in series on Medicines Reconciliation [here](#).

Updates

- [HEPMA Update 4 - March 2023](#)
- [Formulary Update \(March 2023\)](#)
- [MHRA Drug Safety Update March 2023](#)
- [Key Medicine Shortages – March 2023](#) includes information on capsaicin cream, Fragmin® 10,000 units/ml ampoules, fluoxetine solution and dispersible tablets, Insuman® insulins, Sustanon® injection and zopiclone 3.75mg tablets.

Social Media call out

The ADTC is looking for a new volunteer member with an interest in social media who can help us to further develop our presence on Twitter to increase engagement and awareness about what we do.

We meet on Friday mornings between 9.00-10.30, every four weeks via Teams, and as part of our team, you would co-lead the development of social media with another member of the group.

The main responsibilities of the joint social media lead include:

- close working with the chair of the committee and joint social media lead to be aware of and plan for upcoming blogs/events for social media promotion
- scheduling posts and creating images/short animations to help promotion of blogs
- updating the committee at the monthly meeting on social media activity as appropriate.

This role is suitable for healthcare professionals in NHSGGC who have an interest in medicines, can commit to attending meetings and have time to devote to elevating our presence on Twitter in line with NHSGGC's social media guidelines.

Informal enquiries and notes of interest should be directed to Elaine McIvor at Medicines.Update@ggc.scot.nhs.uk no later than 21 April 2023.

See the Twitter page here for details of recent tweets [@NHSGGCMeds](https://twitter.com/NHSGGCMeds)

You can search for previously published blogs on the GGC Medicines [website](#). If you would like to subscribe to receive Medicines Update directly via email, contact medicines.update@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.

Follow us on Twitter [@NHSGGCMeds](https://twitter.com/NHSGGCMeds)

Clinical Pharmacology and Medicines Safety Month - Starts today

Clinical Pharmacology and Medicines Safety Month is held in April starting today (Wednesday 12 April). It will provide a variety of pre-recorded sessions with live 15 minute Q&A's on a range of subjects.

Click [here](#) to register your interest or for more information visit: [GGC - Clinical Pharmacology and Medicines Safety Month - Home \(sharepoint.com\)](https://www.sharepoint.com/GGC-Clinical-Pharmacology-and-Medicines-Safety-Month-Home)

There will also be an opportunity to win the following prizes!

- Quiz Prizes - for the person that attends all sessions, and answers the quiz questions correctly in the quickest time

- Best QI Project Proposal related to improving prescribing safety (one winner per hospital site - QEUH, GRI, Inverclyde and RAH). Click here to enter: <https://forms.office.com/r/EZJ1typbTL> **deadline 26 April 2023.**



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