

Core brief

**Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive
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I would like to acknowledge the rapid response from the Decontamination, Estates and Transport teams, together with all other key stakeholders in finding and implementing a swift solution following unexpected maintenance at the Inverclyde Theatre Sterile Surgical Unit (TSSU).

Thanks to the team, when an issue was identified on Sunday, a mitigation process was quickly put in place, involving close partnership working with teams across services to ensure minimal disruption while repair works at the unit got underway.

I'm pleased to say normal service is scheduled resume at the beginning of next week. Well done to the whole team involved, and in particular to the Decontamination units in Greenock and Cowlares CDUs, who were able to preserve theatre activity across the Health Board throughout the week.

This week, I would also like to congratulate four staff members, Craig Strang, Kate MacLeod, Wendy Mitchell, and Lisa McGoey, who work across Police Custody Healthcare and Archway Glasgow service. The staff are among the first in Scotland to have graduated from Queen Margaret University with a Post Graduate Certificate in Person-Centred Practice: Advanced Forensic Practice (PgC PCP: AFP). The course is the first postgraduate advanced forensic practice course in Scotland for nurses working within Police Custody Healthcare and Sexual Assault Referral Centres. The development of this course supports the important work of the Scottish Government's Rape and Sexual Assault Taskforce, led by the interim Chief Medical Officer for Scotland, which will help build a multidisciplinary workforce for the future by equipping them to carry out forensic medical examinations. Well done, all.

Across NHSGGC, staff must undertake appropriate training specific to their roles to ensure we continue to comply with regulations, and ensure patient and staff safety throughout. I would like to take the time to advise all staff responsible for undertaking Sharps training to do so at their earliest convenience, as this is one particular area as a Health Board we would like to see improvement on. Please

access the training through your LearnPro account, where you can also undertake any other essential training. An additional Sharps Self-Audit is available on SharePoint for managers to undertake as part of a proactive approach to increase the level of compliance. The self-audits can be accessed from this link [Self-Audits - Risk Specific \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

Finally, I'd like to share some wonderful feedback from a family whose son was well looked after by a multidisciplinary team at the Royal Hospital for Children. Congratulations to everyone involved in this patient's care:

"My son was just 2 when he suffered a stroke. He was paralysed down his left-hand side, and we were terrified that he wouldn't gain his movements back. Five days later, it was confirmed as a stroke caused by vasculitis from chicken pox that he had had five months prior, and he was beginning to show signs of movement again, eventually being able to move his arms and legs, talk as normal, and skip down the hospital corridor holding his dad's hand.

"I am so grateful for all the hospital staff at Glasgow Children's Hospital who got him back to his feet—the neurologists, physiotherapists, nurses, and family support who got us through the hardest, most terrifying time of all of our lives. Dr Brauklass' care and professionalism and the nurses' care were outstanding.

"I aim to raise awareness of childhood strokes over the years now as it's rare but shows it can happen at any age."

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