

# Core brief

Tuesday 12 May 2020

Today we celebrate International Nurses Day. Every year, this day marks the contribution that nurses make to society. In these difficult times, it is more important than ever to celebrate their vital work.

The celebrations will continue throughout the day, here in our hospitals and community settings, on news channels across the country and on social media.

We kick off our celebrations with a couple of messages from some familiar faces. We also are sharing a few examples of how our nurses are celebrating their day. There will much more on this as the day progresses on our Facebook, twitter and Instagram accounts. We look forward to sharing your celebrations with our patients, colleagues and communities.

If you are sharing what you are doing on Facebook or Twitter remember to tag us (@NHSGGC) to spread the word.



[Dr Margaret McGuire, Director of Nursing message](#)



[Lewis Capaldi thanks NHSGGC nurses](#)



[Staff at the National Spinal Unit, Neurosciences and PDR celebrate why they proud to be a nurse](#)

## Nurses in RHC and Neonates

Nurses in RHC and Neonates have drawn and painted themselves on cardboard cut outs – which are being displayed in the main atrium. Coral Brady, Business & Admin Manager at the RHC, said: “Whilst we can’t get everyone together in person, it’s a way we can celebrate the whole team being together virtually.”

## Regional Services

Across our Regional Services we are celebrating International Nurses Day by hosting a range of events including:

- Staff shout outs in ward areas – post its with shout outs for colleagues
- Rainbow cakes
- Thank you cards/poems
- Video in the QEUH atrium. Pictures of staff and their thoughts on being a nurse

- A piper outside the QEUH atrium

All of this will be happening in wards and theatres across NHSGGC and will also be delivered to AHP teams, porters, radiographers and administration staff to thank them for everything they do to support nurses.

### **Two student nurses at RAH share diaries of frontline experiences with COVID-19 patients**

Last night on STV and today on the BBC two of our student nurses share their experiences of a COVID-19 ward at the RAH. Sharing video diaries of their shifts, Stephanie Clark and Rebecca Mason – both third year adult nursing students at UWS – talk about what it is like to join the workforce as band four student nurses during the global pandemic. [Click here to read more.](#)

[Click here to view the day shift diary](#) and [click here to view night shift video.](#)

### **GRI**

At GRI we have events happening in the Emergency Department, and both R&R Hubs where hot food and snacks will be available.

At 11am we have Stick and Kicks (a bagpipes and drums troupe) entering via the main gate and marching through the quadrangle park.

At 1.30pm we have a nine-piece band playing in the quadrangle beneath our international nurses day banner. There will be balloons and other promotional material across the hospital site promoting International Nurses Day.

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