

Core brief

**Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive
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Over the past week, we have seen increased pressure across our acute sites, which has been particularly felt in our Emergency Departments. My thanks, first of all, to all the staff working in our unscheduled care during this time for the care you continue to deliver despite the challenging circumstances. Our Winter Plan, which will be considered by the Board at the end of the month, has been developed in consultation with many colleagues and sets out a series of high impact actions to support our services cope with the pressures that winter brings.



This month marks Black History Month, and thanks to colleagues within our BME network, a number of events have been organised in partnership to help encourage all staff to engage with this year's theme of 'Reclaiming Narratives'. I strongly encourage staff to attend one of our events throughout October to learn more about Black History Month and, more specifically, how the BME network is supporting our staff and how you can get involved. You can find more information about the events in last week's [Core Brief](#).

Following last week's announcement of the Reader's Choice shortlist for the prestigious Scottish Health Awards, I'm delighted to share the news that NHSGGC and HSCP partners have been nominated for no fewer than 15 awards within the wider finalists list published this week by The Scotsman. Finalists will now enter the judging period, and the overall winners will be announced at a ceremony in November. Good luck to all the finalists below!

- Siobhan McGuire (Allied Health Professional Award)
- Nuclear Cardiology, Glasgow Royal Infirmary (Innovation Award)
- Breastfeeding Promotion Team (Global Citizenship Award).
- Miss Ceilidh Dunn (Global Citizenship Award).
- Dr. Ann Margaret Little (Innovation Award).
- Best Start Midwifery Leadership Team (Midwife Award).
- Fiona Aitken (Midwife Award).

- Pauline Zvimba (Nurse Award).
- Julie Conaghan (Outstanding Contribution to the NHS and [Reader's Choice](#)).
- NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Cost of Living Mitigation Team (Tackling Health Inequalities Award).
- Glasgow and Clyde Rape Crisis in partnership with Glasgow City HSCP Health Improvement North West and North East Teams (Tackling Inequalities Award)
- Health for All Nursing Team (Tackling Health Inequalities Award).
- Macmillan East Dunbartonshire ICJ Team (Top Team Award).
- Julie McKenna (Unsung Hero Award)

Finally, I'd like to highlight some excellent feedback on our MIU service at the GRI. My thanks to the whole team who deliver this unscheduled care service to the public:

“Really excellent experience of the Minor Injuries Unit at the Gatehouse at Glasgow Royal Infirmary. Reluctantly attended, as I know staff are under pressure, being an NHS employee myself.

“I was in and out in an hour and a half, including having x-rays taken. Really friendly, reassuring, and knowledgeable team - nurse Jaimie, HCSW, radiographer, and attending student - thank you to all.

“This is the service we need to ensure our A&Es aren't overwhelmed. Thank you so much for a seamless patient pathway, and for all you do. I know how busy MIUs can be, but having this service available to us is very much appreciated.”

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