

# Core brief

**Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive  
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With winter upon us, I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to all staff across NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde for your ongoing commitment and professionalism. Winter invariably brings heightened challenges, and we must all work together to manage these pressures during this challenging period. We have also recently launched our public winter communications campaign - an information campaign on how best to use our services, particularly at this time of year, and to avoid unnecessary visits to A&E where other areas can see patients faster and with more specialist care.

I would like to remind staff that, particularly during this time, we remain committed to providing a suite of wellbeing resources to ensure staff feel supported over winter. Your resilience and professionalism will, as always, be key to our success in meeting these challenges, and you can visit our dedicated wellbeing hub for more information [here](#).

I would also like to highlight that staff can still access our flu vaccination programme. Thanks to the efforts of our dedicated vaccination teams, we have vaccinated more than 180,000 patients and more than 11,000 staff. Additionally, over 165,000 people have been vaccinated against COVID-19. This will make a significant contribution to reduce the incidence of severe illness and in relieving some pressure on our services through the winter months. Next week our teams are running an extra Staff Vaccination Week which we have promoted through Core Brief, and I would encourage any member of staff who hasn't yet been vaccinated to take up the opportunity. Details on drop-in clinics are available here: [Staff winter vaccination clinics - w/c 16 December](#).

My thanks go to all the Staff Disability Forum and their Chair, Atika Sharma, for their hard work in celebrating Staff Disability History Month, which finishes on Monday next week. The forum has been visiting sites across NHSGGC to share the important work they do and to encourage everyone to support disabled colleagues. As a final mark of the importance of this month, both Gartnavel and the QEUH will be lit up purple.

I am pleased to announce that nominations for the Chief Scientific Officer Awards are now open. These prestigious awards provide an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the exceptional contributions of our scientific and technical colleagues. I encourage all staff to take the time to nominate those whose work exemplifies excellence and innovation in healthcare science. You can find out more about the categories [here](#).

I'd like to thank the neonatal teams alongside Estates and Facilities for managing the recent repairs to QEUH maternity building roof so professionally throughout. The support and flexibility shown by the wider RHC was also important and I'm pleased to report works have now completed, and that normal service has resumed.

Finally, my thanks to the Dental Department at Stobhill Hospital for looking after this patient and making them feel comfortable. Well done all:

"I went to the Dental Department at Stobhill Hospital. This was my 4th appointment. As always Dr Runja, Jacqueline and Jenny were there for me every step of the way.

"Their skills of making me feel settled are fantastic. Regrettably I had to get all my top teeth removed and a new plate. The reassurance I got from Dr Runja, Jacqueline and Jenny was brilliant. My stress and anxiety were sky high but all 3 were brilliant with me and was able to settle me. I've found my fears and anxiety was managed much more after Dr Runha, Jacqueline and Jenny got me through it. All 3 went above and beyond to get me looking the best I could with a false plate.

"If I could give them a reward I would. All 3 were absolute angels. I'll never be able to thank them enough for their kindness and support through this experience. Thank you all so much for everything you've done for me. I'll forever be grateful."

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