

Core brief

Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive (13 September 2024, 3.45pm)

Colleagues will be aware that the Scottish Hospitals Inquiry recently reconvened and is currently hearing from a number of individuals involved. I understand the nature of the hearings might result in heightened levels of anxiety among patients and staff. Please speak to your line manager in the first instance for support on these matters. I also want to highlight the support available for those either involved in the Inquiry or impacted by its investigations. We have a dedicated webpage with information on the Inquiry, Witness Service support, and Occupational Health details [here](#).



As part of our new Board Member ongoing induction programme, this week we welcomed new non-executive members to the Clyde sector, which included a tour of the Vale of Leven Hospital, Royal Alexandra Hospital, and Inverclyde Royal Hospital. These important visits are very useful for familiarising our new members with some of our key services and sites, and my thanks go to everyone involved in organising the tour of the Clyde sector.



Following recent training statistics, which demonstrate that Sharps training remains an area where compliance rates are lower than we would like, I would like to remind all relevant staff to ensure they undertake the appropriate training at their earliest convenience. This is important not only from a compliance perspective but also for wider staff and patient safety. Please access the training through your LearnPro account, where you can also complete 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 [here](#).

As part of our commitment to embedding equality in everything we do across NHSGGC, the Equality and Human Rights team is currently visiting Acute departments throughout our health service to better understand how we comply with legislation and to help provide support and advice to staff in creating environments that meet the standards we expect to see. The visits apply the quick and simple NHSGGC Frontline Equality Assessment Tool, which involves a rapid physical access assessment and a short, semi-structured interview with a representative from the department. Both aspects highlight what is working well and where support can be offered. Naturally, we are keen for all areas to accommodate a visit, and I'd encourage staff to read the website for more details and to arrange a visit: [NHSGGC - Equalities in Health](#).

In positive news, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde has taken a significant step towards becoming the first Scottish Health Board to be formally recognised for its work on antimicrobial stewardship and tackling the threat of antibiotic resistance. Members of NHSGGC's Antimicrobial Stewardship Team (AMT), led by Professor Andrew Seaton, Consultant in Infectious Diseases and General Medicine and Chair of the Scottish Antimicrobial Prescribing Group in Healthcare Improvement Scotland, recently hosted a two-day visit from inspectors as part of a global accreditation process. We are the first Scottish Health Board to go through the accreditation process, with hundreds of pages of evidence already submitted as part of the review. Inspectors are expected to report back on NHSGGC's accreditation bid in the coming weeks. My thanks to Professor Seaton and the team for advancing this positive accreditation process.

And finally, I'd like to share some lovely feedback from one of our RAH patients. Well done to everyone on Ward 24 and the Enhanced Recovery After Surgery Team:

"I'd like to take a moment to thank all of the staff in Ward 24 for their exceptional care and attention while I have been recovering from bowel cancer surgery. A special thanks goes to my ERAS Nurse Amy who has been a ray of sunshine each day, brightening my day with her empathy, kindness and great sense of humour.

Amy, you have kept me going and have truly helped me more than you'll ever know. Your ward colleagues are so lucky to have someone like you, who brightens the place up just by being there and your future patients will be so thankful for your attentiveness, guidance, knowledge and support.

"Thank you so much. I wish you all the best in your career."

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