

Core brief

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Second-hand smoke and smokefree legislation

The Quit Your Way team have launched a new campaign featuring respiratory physician [Dr Joris Van der Horst](#) which highlights the effects of second-hand smoke and the importance of not smoking on hospital sites.

As communicated in previous Core Briefs, last September the Scottish Government introduced new legislation making it an offence for anyone to smoke within 15 metres of an NHS hospital building. By creating this boundary, the aim is to reduce exposure to second hand smoke for all of our patients, staff and visitors, particularly for those who are at high risk.



If you smoke, the best thing you can do for yourself and others is to stop. Quit Your Way is a free NHS stop smoking service available to everyone who wants to stop smoking. To find out more about the stop smoking services and to access support to quit, call the NHSGGC Quit Your Way service on 0800 916 8858 (Mon-Fri, 9am – 5pm) or visit www.QuitYourWay.scot.


Red4Research Day

Red4Research day is an opportunity to celebrate those participating in, undertaking and supporting clinical research.

The Paediatric Clinical Research Facility (CRF) works closely with the Royal Hospital for Children to support access to cutting-edge research for children and families receiving care at the hospital. We support approximately 50 studies taking place across the children's hospital and with over 700 children currently involved in active studies, our work includes trials of new medicines, trials to provide evidence for the use of current medicines and to determine best clinical practice.


To raise awareness of the important contribution our patients and staff make to clinical research, the paediatric CRF will be holding a stall in the foyer of the Royal Hospital for Children on Wednesday 14 June. Come along to find out more about what we do and how your department can get involved!

Meet your administration colleagues

Marilyn Paul, Medical Secretary within the Older People & Stroke Services based at Royal Alexandra Hospital has done a brief video explaining what she enjoys about her role. Please click on the video link to hear more from Marilyn  [Marilyn Paul .mp4](#).



Professional
Administration
Transformation

Susan Liddell, Medical Secretary in the Renal Department based at the Royal Hospital for Children at the Queen Elizabeth University Campus, gives a brief outline of why she loves her job within NHSCGGC. Please click on the video link to hear more from Susan  [Susan Liddell Medical Secretary.mp4](#)

Thank you, Marilyn and Susan, for taking part!

You can also view these videos and also get up to date information on our Professional Administration Transformation Programme through our SharePoint [GGC - Professional Administration Transformation Programme - Home](#) If you would like more information on our PAT programme or to be involved in making a short video, please contact your sector Administration Governance Manager.

Changes to fire response from 1 July affecting NHSGCC Community and Hospital buildings

From 1 July 2023, changes within Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SFRS) policy means that they will no longer automatically attend all fire calls that have originated from the buildings' fire detection system.

Who will be affected by the change?

Many community buildings and possibly some non-sleeping hospital site buildings will be affected. The change excludes any building that is part of a sleeping risk, therefore all inpatient areas and attached buildings will still receive a SFRS attendance if the fire alarm activates.

NHSGCC has formed a Short Life Working Group to assess and adjust to any required changes to affected buildings and, where required, will assist local managers to introduce any adjustments to the present procedure.

It is critical that staff continue to place a backup call for all fire alarm activations, as reinforced during your annual fire training.

Further information and advice can be found on the Staffnet link of Fire Safety & Training Fire Safety Policy & Protocol link: [SFRS Reduced Attendance 01 July 2023](#).

Please contact the NHSGCC Fire Safety Advisors below if you have any queries, are unsure, or would like to discuss this or the work of the Short Life Working Group further.

If something isn't right, talk to...
Management, Leaders and Peers



Managers and Leaders	Confidential Contacts	HR Support and Advice Unit	Report via Datix
If you have an issue, your line manager is there to support you. Please speak to your immediate line manager or another member of the management team, who will be able to support you. 	Our team of confidential contacts will listen to your concerns and help you to determine the best course of action to resolve the issue and escalate your concerns. 	The unit is there to support all staff. Call 0141 278 2700 Monday to Friday from 9am - 5pm. You can also raise a query through the self-service portal at https://nhsns.service-now.com/ggc_hr 	It is vital that we all play a role to report all incidents and near misses no matter how small we think they might be. Visit: http://datix.xggc.scot.nhs.uk/datix/live/index.php 

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