

Core brief

Message from Professor Jann Gardner, Chief Executive (17 March 2025, 2:30pm)

NHSGGC Chief Executive and Chair hear about the vital work of the Glasgow Centre for Population Health

NHSGGC Chief Executive, Professor Jann Gardner and Chair, Dr Lesley Thomson KC visited the Glasgow Centre for Population Health (GCPH) on Friday to discuss the Centre's work in understanding trends in population health and inequalities across the local area.

Alongside Medical Director Dr Scott Davidson and Executive Director of Nursing Professor Angela Wallace, Jann and Lesley heard about the team's strategic approach, working across the boundaries of research, policy, and practice. In collaboration with partners, the Centre maximises impact from available resources and makes vital practical contributions to improving local population health.

These initiatives include leading the implementation of the Glasgow City Food Plan, improving the understanding of the impacts of poverty as a barrier to accessing vital NHSGGC services, and supporting community-led action on health and wellbeing.



Director Chik Collins and the team at the Glasgow Centre for Population Health with Chief Executive, Professor Jann Gardner, Chair, Dr Lesley Thomson KC, Executive Director of Nursing, Professor Angela Wallace, and Medical Director, Dr Scott Davidson

During the visit, Jann, Lesley, and colleagues spoke with the Centre's Director, Professor Chik Collins, and a number of team members, including Deputy Director, Dr Jen McLean and Public Health Programme Managers, Jill Muirie and Chris Harkins.

Jann and Lesley spoke with the team about the ways in which the vital work of the Centre, which has done a great deal to reshape understanding and practice in the field of population health and inequalities, will be carried forward in ever-challenging social and economic circumstances.

Chik Collins, Director of the Glasgow Centre for Population Health, said: "The GCPH Team was delighted to host the visit of Jann, Lesley, and colleagues on Friday. Over many years, NHSGGC has been a key and highly supportive partner in GCPH, valuing our work in providing evidence for action to support equitable population health improvement in Glasgow and its wider region. In the challenging economic and social circumstances of the present, NHSGGC's continuing support for the work of GCPH reflects an appreciation of the need to further develop evidence-based responses to the current, adverse trends in population health and inequalities – making the best, collaborative use of the available resources to maximise health and wellbeing outcomes."

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