

Core brief

**Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive
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On Wednesday, we welcomed the Deputy First Minister, Kate Forbes, MSP, and the Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport, Maree Todd, MSP, to Leverndale Hospital's Mother and Baby Unit, where they met staff and had the opportunity to learn about the support the unit provides to patients.

I would like to thank those involved in organising and hosting our MSPs to showcase the unit.

I am delighted to announce that Clydebank Health and Care Centre has won two awards at the Building Better Healthcare annual awards ceremony this week. Beating tough competition from across the UK, the centre was recognised as the Best Healthcare Development under £25 million and also won the Best Collaborative Arts Project (Static) for the Our Voices arts strategy, which reflects the area's rich heritage through on-site artwork.

Since opening in 2022, the centre has had a significantly positive impact on meeting the local population's needs. My congratulations to the Capital Planning team involved in the planning and delivery of the facility in close partnership with the HSCP and local GP practices, and to Jackie Sands, Environment Arts and Design Development Health Improvement Lead, for supporting the community-based art approach during the process.

Across NHSGGC, we are working towards achieving Equally Safe at Work accreditation, which recognises organisations committed to creating a safe and inclusive workplace, free from gender-based violence and harassment. We are keen for our staff to help shape our current practices and areas for improvement, and our Staff Experience team have launched a survey to gather anonymous feedback. I encourage you all to contribute to this programme. The survey is available [here](#).

I was pleased to hear about the launch of the Lifelong Smiles programme, which aims to reduce the time families wait before engaging with dental services and to promote alternatives to anaesthesia for dental treatments. Lifelong Smiles officially launched earlier this month, with an event attended by our Chair, Dr Lesley Thomson KC. New dedicated resources have also been created to help families understand key information, which can be accessed [here](#). My thanks to everyone involved in the creation of this initiative, and I look forward to seeing how it positively impacts families within the communities we serve.

Finally, I'd like to spotlight and thank J North and J South staff at IRH for looking after this patient. Well done all.

"I was admitted into Inverclyde Royal Hospital, Greenock in September with quite severe breathlessness. The first night I spent in J North then the next day I was moved to J South where I remained till recently. I cannot thank the doctors and nurses enough for the care I received while there. I didn't realise quite how hard nurses have to work."

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