

Core brief

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Life on the Frontline

Our latest Life on the Frontline video comes from [Catering Manager Tricia Sweeney](#). Tricia's post changed significantly when COVID-19 hit and she went back to the job she held 11 years ago in the Aroma Café at GRI.

Tricia is proud of all her colleagues who came together to support frontline colleagues making sure they had plenty refreshments and the gratitude of staff reminded her of the support they received during the Beast of the East!

We hope that you are enjoying these personal accounts of life on the frontline during the pandemic. If you would like to feature in one of the videos and tell us about how you and colleagues have been affected, then please get in touch (staffnewsletter@ggc.scot.nhs.uk).



Everyone Matters Pulse Survey

Tricia Murphy, Assistant Patient Catering Manager at the QEUH has taken just a few minutes to fill in the Everyone Matters Pulse Survey and recommends all staff fill it in too.



Working as part of the Facilities and Estates directorate, where the majority of staff don't have regular access to a PC, it is so important to take the time to engage with this cohort of staff face to face so they too can give feedback.

In Tricia's department the supervisors personally handed the survey to staff and explained what the survey was about and asked everyone to fill it in and return it to the post box at the sign in desk.

Here we ask Tricia why it was important to her to fill in the survey.

Why is the Pulse Survey important to you?

It's good to give feedback as if you don't, things can't get fixed if needed.

Why is the Pulse Survey important to your team?

It's good for staff to give their opinion back so they know they are important too, if they have issues, things can get fixed. It also provides the opportunity for staff to feedback any issues anonymously, which some staff feel more comfortable with.

Why have you taken the time to participate in the survey?

I took part so I could have my say on how I have been feeling. It's a good way to let the organisation know what I think and understand what is important to me.

Push to restart hundreds of research trials and start dozens of new ones

Thanks to huge efforts from staff, we have been able to restart hundreds of research trials since many non-essential trials were paused back in March. This has been led by the Research & Innovation and Clinical Research teams.

Over 400 health research trials have restarted and 51 new ones commenced. Every year we have between 9,000 and 10,000 patients participating in research studies each year.



140 of the projects are related to cancer research, led by the Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre (BWoSCC). This includes the BWoSCC being the first site in the UK for a trial of a new cervical cancer drug, tiragolumab.

Hundreds of other trials have also restarted for other illnesses, including a stroke study (ATTEST-2) which hit its 1000th recruit last week, and a dietary approach study into Crohn's disease.

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde has been providing leading research aimed at preventing or treating COVID-19, including participating in RECOVERY, which found the first effective treatment of the virus, and the Oxford University vaccine trial.

NHS Spitfire – 17 September 2020

A Spitfire plane will fly above hospitals across Scotland tomorrow to thank NHS staff for their efforts during COVID-19.

The words 'THANK U NHS' have been hand-written onto the plane, which is owned by the Aircraft Restoration Company. This is part of a UK-wide campaign, which has seen the Spitfire fly over hundreds of hospitals in recent weeks starting on the south coast of England in August and finishing later this week flying over Northern Ireland and Wales.



Unfortunately not all hospitals in Scotland are able to be covered in the flight path but for those of ours that are included, the approximate timings are:

- Gartnavel General Hospital – 2.10pm
- Queen Elizabeth University Hospital – 2.12pm
- Leverndale Hospital – 2.14pm
- Dykebar Hospital – 2.15pm
- Royal Alexandra Hospital – 2.17pm

If you would like to find out more about the NHS Spitfire project, visit:

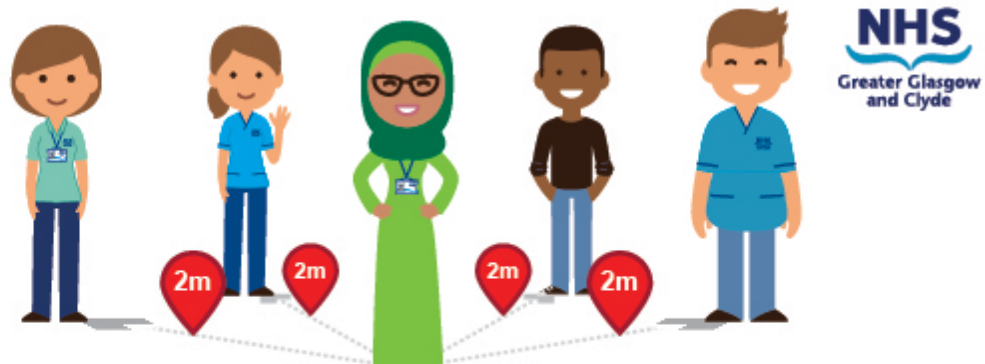
<https://www.aircraftrestorationcompany.com/nhsspitfire>. You can also make a donation and nominate the name of a loved one to be written on to the plane, to raise money for NHS Charities Together, visit: www.justgiving.com/NHSSpitfire

Please note all timings are estimates and subject to slight change during the flight. Due to potential unforeseen factors, the flights may be postponed, or timings delayed, if congested airspace, low cloud or rain prohibits the flight.

Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at:

www.nhsggc.org.uk/covid19. If you have any questions about the current situation please check the [FAQs](#) first. If you have any further questions, please email: staff.covid19@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

Staff are reminded to make sure their [personal contact details are up to date on eESS](#).



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