

Core brief

Daily update

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Lateral Flow testing – symptoms top test update

Further to [yesterday's Core Brief](#) (16 February 2021), we wish to remind staff that if you use the Lateral Flow testing kit and you register a negative test result, but you are showing any symptoms of COVID-19, as well as self-isolating you must book a PCR test through either [NHS Inform](#) or the [staff testing site](#).

If participating in the testing programme you must continue to test twice per week however if you have tested positive through PCR you should not commence/recommence the LFT testing programme until after 90 days of your positive test. More detailed advice can be found on our [website](#).

We appreciate our staff undertaking this programme as it is helping us keep our staff and patients safe.

Glasgow Early Treatment Arm Favipiravir (GETAFIX)

NHSGGC researchers and clinicians are recruiting members of the public to help test new COVID-19 treatment if they have been recently diagnosed with COVID-19.

The study, Glasgow Early Treatment Arm Favipiravir (GETAFIX), is testing the antiviral tablet, favipiravir, produced by Fujifilm Toyama Chemicals in Japan. Unlike many other treatment for COVID-19, favipiravir is being targeted at those in the early stages of the disease and must be taken within four days of a positive COVID-19 test result.

Three NHSGGC hospitals are taking part including Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow Royal Infirmary and Royal Alexandra Hospital and include an outpatient facility for patients treated in the community.

For more details, visit: <http://www.getafix-trial.org.uk/>

Flow Navigation Hub – update

Our Flow Navigation Hub (FNH), which was launched in December, has now embedded within the new model for unscheduled care across NHSGGC. The FNH supported by a 24/7 Administration Hub receives urgent referrals from NHS24 and works alongside the Minor Injuries Units to provide virtual clinical assessments, has now processed more than 2500 patients. Early figures are encouraging, demonstrating that between 29% and 40% of those referrals each week are being successfully assessed through virtual consultation, with no further action required. As the FNH continues to integrate with the wider system, in

the longer term we would hope to see this positive impact help support our EDs to focus on caring for those who need it the most.

The role of the FNH will continue to grow in coming weeks and months, as the Right Care Right Place model of care is promoted nationally and we will shortly be launching an online resource to showcase the FNH and how it works.

Life on the Frontline – contact tracers

Continuing our contact tracers feature, Chris Quinn, formerly a Cineworld Operations Manager talks about his new role as a contact tracer.

Chris' story

“There are so many people like me doing contact tracing; coming from industries which have declined because of COVID.



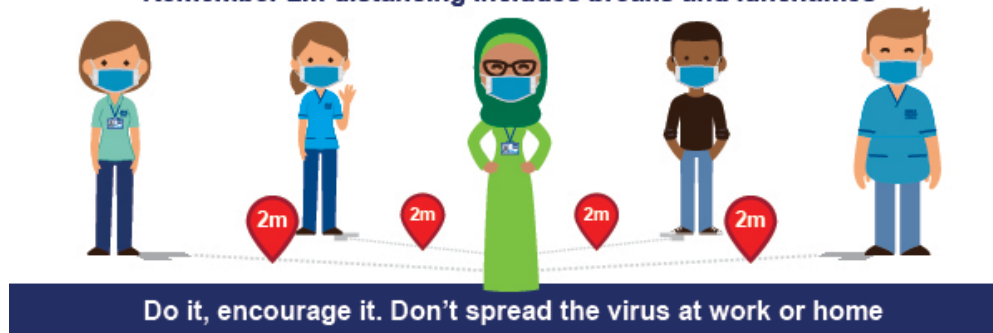
My job is to help run a team who contact trace our NHS staff who become positive. It probably makes things easier, as NHS staff have a good level of understanding of the virus and how to take personal accountability both inside and outside the work environment to help stop the spread.

“I usually get involved in the calls which become more complex, such as working out where people were during their infectious period, as well as just before symptoms developed.

“I am thoroughly enjoying the job. I've come into a great team and a really welcoming environment. There is a real sense of community and togetherness (remotely of course!) It certainly is different; I never thought I would be part of the NHS and am so glad I have the chance to play my part in this pandemic.”

Tomorrow we feature contact tracer Tom Rodgers a former DCI with Police Scotland.

Social distancing is everyone's responsibility Remember 2m distancing includes breaks and lunchtimes



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

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