

Core brief

Daily update

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[GGC-Staffnet Hub - Home \(sharepoint.com\)](https://sharepoint.com)

Whooping cough (pertussis) vaccine for NHSGGC staff working with infants and pregnant women

Scotland is currently experiencing a rapid rise in cases of whooping cough, with more than we would normally expect.

Whooping cough is a highly contagious bacterial infection of the lungs and airways. It causes repeated coughing bouts that can last for two to three months or more. It can make babies and young children very ill, including causing serious breathing issues, leading to pneumonia and hospitalisation. In rare cases whooping cough can be fatal. Newborn babies are at the most risk of serious illness if they catch the virus but cannot be vaccinated until they are eight weeks.

If you're in one of the following NHSGGC staff groups, you are urged to get your whooping cough (pertussis) vaccination at our drop-in sites in the coming weeks. This is to protect you and to avoid transmission to patients. No booking is necessary.

Priority vaccination groups:

1. Healthcare workers with regular/close clinical contact with severely ill infants (under 3 months old) and women in last month of pregnancy, including maternity, obstetrics, neonatal and paediatric intensive care

2. Healthcare workers with regular clinical contact with young unimmunised infants in hospital or community settings, such as other paediatric services and health visitors
3. Healthcare workers with intermittent clinical contact with young unimmunised infants in the community, including general practice.

Please note questions will be asked by immunisation nurses to ensure you meet criteria prior to receiving the vaccine. Clinics will be at acute sites and community-based settings. Staff can attend any clinic regardless of their work-base location. Dates and locations will be shared in Core Brief and Staffnet.

The measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccination will also be available at the clinics to staff who have no history of MMR vaccination or are unsure regarding their vaccination status.

It is anticipated that uptake for vaccination will be high, and we ask you to understand that some clinics may be busier than others throughout the sessions. If for any reason you are not able to access the vaccination at a scheduled drop in clinic, please contact the Occupational Health Service to arrange an appointment at the WGACH Hub by emailing occupational.health@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

Location	Date	Room	Time
Royal Hospital for Children, Glasgow	Tues 18 June	OPD clinic 2 - room 12 & 13	9am-4pm
	Thurs 20 June	OPD clinic 4 - room 24 & 27	9am-4pm
	Tues 25 June	RHC OPD clinic 2	1pm-4pm
Queen Elizabeth University Hospital	Wed 3 July	Neuro INS Atrium	9am-4pm
	Wed 31 July	Neuro INS Atrium	9am-4pm
	Wed 14 Aug	Neuro INS Atrium	9am-4pm
	Wed 11 Sep	Neuro INS Atrium	9am-4pm
Glasgow Royal Infirmary	Wed 19 June	Medical Education, St Mungo Building	9am-4pm
	Tues 25 June	Clinical Skills Room 2 Lister Building	9am-4pm
	Wed 17 July	Medical Education, St Mungo Building	9am-4pm
	Tues 23 July	Medical Education, St Mungo Building	9am-4pm
Royal Alexandra Hospital	Thurs 27 June	Lecture Theatre	9am-4pm
	Thurs 4 July	Lecture Theatre	9am-2pm
	Thurs 25 July	Lecture Theatre	9am-4pm

Gartnavel Hospital/ Beatson	Wed 26 June	ED014, Education Suite (Beatson)	1pm – 4pm
	Wed 24 July	GGH Seminar room, upper ground floor	9am-4pm
	Tues 13 Aug	GGH Seminar room, upper ground floor	9am-4pm
	Tues 10 Sep	ED013, Education Suite (Beatson)	9am – 2pm
Vale of Leven	Thurs 11 July	Meeting Room 5, First floor teaching corridor	9am-4pm
	Thurs 8 Aug	Meeting Room 5, First floor teaching corridor	9am-4pm
Inverclyde Royal Hospital	Tues 2 July	Hub, adjacent to dining room	9am-4pm
	Tues 30 July	Hub, adjacent to dining room	9am-4pm
Stobhill Hospital	Tues 9 July	Seminar room 6, ground floor	9am-4pm
	Tues 6 Aug	Seminar room 4-5 ground floor	9am-4pm
Victoria Ambulatory Care Hospital	Wed 10 July	Seminar 2.16A, second floor	9am-4pm
	Wed 7th Aug	Seminar 2.16A, second floor	9am-4pm
Milngavie Town Hall	Every Thurs until 31 Aug	71 Station Rd, Milngavie, Glasgow	9am-7.30pm
Whiteinch Community Centre	Every Thurs until 31 Aug	1 Northinch Court, Glasgow	9am-7.30pm
Greenock Town Hall	Every Thurs until 31 Aug	Cathcart Square, Greenock	9am-7.30pm
Eastwood Health & Care Centre	Every Sat until 31 Aug	Drumby Cres, Clarkston, Glasgow	9am-7.30pm
Clydebank	Every Mon until 31 Aug	<u>The Hub Community Centre, 405 Kilbowie Rd, Clydebank</u>	9am-7.30pm
Renfrew Leisure Centre	Every Fri until 31 Aug	Paisley Rd, Renfrew	9am-7.30pm
Greater Easter House Supporting Hands (GESH)	Every Wed until 31 Aug	Adult Community Clinic, 1 Redcastle Square, Glasgow	9am-7.30pm

Showcasing our staff

As we continue to showcase our Excellence Award winners, today we feature the **Nursing and Midwifery** winner – Renfrewshire Care Home Nursing Support Team.



The Care Home Nursing Team is a unique model delivering an innovative, nurse led service which empowers safe effective resident centred care, through supporting the healthcare of residents to prevent hospital admission with a combination of reactive and proactive care and advice to care home staff.

[Click here](#) to watch a video about the teams and read about all the winners [here](#).

Launch of new app to help meet the needs of autistic patients

A new app [GGC - Meeting the needs of Autistic People](#) is now live on the Right Decision Service.

This mobile app, which is also available via the Right Decision website, is to ensure that information on how to meet the needs of autistic / neuro-divergent people coming into our service is available for staff to access quickly and easily.

The guidance provided in the app is for any member of staff involved in the treatment and care of an autistic patient. Using this guidance will help ensure that autistic people are enabled to access services and undergo treatments in a manner which fully addresses their needs.

The app includes positive changes that can be put in place throughout the patient journey. It also provides information on how to address autistic meltdowns/ shutdowns and explains the core autistic needs that should be considered when providing accessible clinical environments.

Visit the [Apps Store](#) or [Google Play](#) direct to download the Right Decisions: health and care app. Select the option for health and social care staff and type 'autistic' into the search function.

It is important to share Core Brief with colleagues who do not have access to a computer.

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