

# Core brief

## Daily update

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### UK Emergency Alert test

Staff should be aware that the new UK Government Emergency Alert system will be tested at 3.00pm on Sunday 23 April.

The test alert will be sent to most mobile phones across the UK. Devices will make a distinct, siren-like sound for up to 10 seconds, including on phones switched to silent mode. Phones will also vibrate and display a message about the test. You can hear an example of what the test will look and sound like in the [explainer video](#).

As this is a test, no action has to be taken, but staff working in patient-facing roles at the time of the test should be aware that members of the public within NHSGGC sites may not be aware of the test.

If asked, staff should reassure any members of the public that the alert is a test and is not connected to NHSGGC or the services we provide.

There is a list of [frequently asked questions available](#) and for more information about the Emergency Alerts system, [you can go to the GOV.UK website](#).

### Suicide Reducing and Management of Ligature Risks policy

A ligature awareness LearnPro module has been developed to improve knowledge on what ligature points are and how they can be identified, removed or managed with control measures. This module will benefit all staff but will be particularly beneficial for staff in areas such as Mental Health, Adolescents and A&E.

The LearnPro module is available under the Specialist Subjects tab visit: <https://nhs.learnprouk.com/>, GGC: 292 Ligature Awareness.

There have been 180 new reduced ligature en-suite doors installed in mental health wards across NHSGGC. This has removed a significant ligature risk and improved access to bathrooms when responding to an emergency. Over 50% of the ligature related incidents that occur in mental health wards across Scotland involve the bedroom/bathroom area.

[Click here to view the suicide reduction and management of ligature risks policy.](#)

## Staff Disability Forum meeting

The next Staff Disability Forum meeting will be held via Teams on the 26 April, between **2.00pm and 3.30pm**, please use the link below.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

If you would like to be added to the Staff Disability Forum mailing list, or have any disability related queries, please email: [ggc.staffdisabilityforum@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:ggc.staffdisabilityforum@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)

We also have a closed Facebook group for NHSGGC staff, including HSCP. To join, please go to [NHSGGC - Staff Disability Forum | Facebook](#)



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