

Core brief

Daily update

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DAILY REMINDER: Social Distancing is Everyone's Responsibility

It is important that staff remember that the control measures in place to protect staff, patients and visitors during the COVID-19 pandemic still remain. Unfortunately, this year, any traditional get together or workplace Christmas parties are to be avoided.

Lateral Flow Testing Programme

Our Lateral Flow Testing Programme for staff is now underway and we will be delivering the next phase of our roll-out to Stobhill Hospital campus, the RAH, and Langlands from 22 December with further rollout across the QEUH campus our next key area of focus.

We encourage anyone interested in participating in the voluntary programme to visit <https://www.nhsggc.org.uk/your-health/health-issues/covid-19-coronavirus/for-nhsggc-staff/lateral-flow-device-testing-guidance/> for more information before the kit is issued.

Thank you to all our test observers who have attended the briefing sessions and the range of questions received. We have now set up a mailbox on Ggc.Lft@ggc.scot.nhs.uk should you have any outstanding questions.

COVID Vaccination Appointments

Thank you to all staff members who have already come forward to be vaccinated. All appointments for the remainder of this year have now filled.

The vaccination team is finalising arrangements for January, including appointments for those of you who will need to receive your second dose of the vaccine. More information will be shared with you next week. Thank you for your ongoing support and patience.

BAME Network

As you will have just read, our COVID-19 vaccination programme is well underway.

Recent UK research has shown that there has been a disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on BAME individuals, and in response, our Health Board is actively supporting our BAME staff in our Priority 1 and 2 (patient facing) and Priority 3 (non-patient facing) for COVID-19 Vaccination programme.

We are keen to include all BAME colleagues in these three COVID-19 Vaccination groups, and we are relying on the data you have provided within our Human Resources system, eESS to help us to identify BAME employees. Up to date information within eESS is important to help identify and support employees in the right ways with programmes like this vaccination programme, our risk assessment process and other employee wellbeing programmes.

We therefore ask that you access your eESS account by following the link here <https://eess.mhs.scot.nhs.uk/> and the [instructions here](#) and update your personal information to ensure we can identify you for the appropriate prioritisation.

In addition, some of you may be aware of the **BAME Staff Network**, which is an established group of BAME colleagues, supported by the Board, providing a safe place to share experiences and to build and grow a collaborative community.

Becoming part of this network will provide you with the opportunity to discuss and influence the health, wellbeing and work of BAME staff in NHSGGC. If this is something you would like to know more of, please contact **Oudwin Griffith**, NHSGGC BAME Staff Network Chair and Champion, email address: ggc.bmestaffnetwork@nhs.scot

We look forward to hearing from you and to working together to build our ONE NHS Family.

Scottish Health Awards – Congratulations to Glasgow Recovery Communities

Glasgow Recovery Communities picked up the Volunteers Award in the prestigious Scottish Health Awards.

The service is part of the Glasgow Alcohol and Drug Recovery Services, and is a peer-led organisation where people with lived experience of addiction help more than 500 people a week to reduce the harms caused by alcohol and drugs.

They take part in activities ranging from art to exercise classes that are designed to tackle social isolation, promote positive choices, build self-esteem and repair fractured relationships. Professional counselling is on offer along with child care and family activities for parents who attend.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, support and activities continued online and peer support from people with personal experience has proved especially important to help people remain abstinent.

Kelda Gaffney, Service Manager, North East Alcohol and Drug Recovery Service, Glasgow City HSCP said: "I am hugely impressed, as always, by the amount of work and commitment our recovery volunteers have dedicated to supporting some of the most vulnerable people in the city. I have no doubt that a number of lives have been saved as a consequence."

Car Parking – GRI

Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport, Jeane Freeman MSP has confirmed today that staff, visitors and patients will benefit from a further extension to free parking. This means that parking at Glasgow Royal Infirmary will continue to be free of charge until the end of March 2021.

And finally...

If you're looking for that little bit of festive cheer - Five year old Oscar gets to go home for Christmas from the Royal Hospital for Children for the first time EVER!

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