

# Core brief

## Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive (20 April 2020, 8:00pm)

You may have read today's news that the construction of the NHS Louisa Jordan at the SEC has now been completed.

From today, the hospital is equipped and clinically ready to treat patients during the COVID-19 outbreak if needed.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport, Jeane Freeman, has expressed her thanks to all involved in creating the NHS Louisa Jordan.

I would like to add my thanks to the many NHSGGC staff who joined colleagues from other Boards to transform the SEC into a hospital in a few short weeks.

Colleagues from Pharmacy, e-Health, Health Records, Human Resources and Organisational Development, Diagnostics, Infection Prevention and Control, Public Health, Dietetics and Catering are amongst those who have provided expert advice and support. Their contribution has been invaluable.

At the same time, these teams have continued to support NHSGGC's efforts to combat COVID-19, delivering an outstanding level of service in their areas in often difficult circumstances.

Perhaps one of the most challenging settings at this time will be in our mortuary services. Sadly, this team have been one of those who have seen their workload increase significantly over the past few weeks, with that set to continue. In addition, the team have also provided expertise and support to create a professional mortuary facility for the NHS Louisa Jordan. I wish to thank them for their dedication and professionalism in these testing times.

Thank you.

