

Core Brief



Daily update

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Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019 (HCSSA)

The Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019 - (HCSSA) seeks to enable safe high-quality care and improved outcomes for service users by ensuring appropriate and effective levels of staffing for NHS Scotland and care service providers. The legislation was enacted on 1 April 2024 and applies across healthcare and care services.

New HCSSA resources

To support colleagues to understand what the Act means in practise across NHSGGC, newly developed resources are available. These include a Common Staffing Method SOP, Nursing and Midwifery's 'Safe to Start' In-Patient Hospital Services Process with a short video presentation, and Anaesthetics and Critical Care Time to Lead SOP Case Study Poster and very brief video. To access these, along with others previously added, select the Resources and Guidance section of the [Health & Care \(Staffing\) \(Scotland\) Act 2019 - NHSGGC](#) web page.

HCSSA – Staff awareness quiz

Last September we ran a short quiz on the Act to test your knowledge among staff across our healthcare and care delivery teams. We received a great response, and it allowed us to further develop resources to support everyone the Act applies to. We are now running a follow up quiz, please help us by answering quick questions [HERE](#) (responses are anonymous).

Please can any team leaders or managers print copies off for staff who may not access a computer frequently and encourage them to circle their choice of answer and return through internal mail to:

Health Care Staffing Scotland Programme Office, Ground Floor, JB Russell House, 1055 Great Western Rd, Glasgow, G12 0XH. Please return by Friday 21 March 2025.

You can also complete the Informed Learning resource on Turas [here](#). If you don't find what you are looking for on our web page, please contact ggc.healthcare.staffing@nhs.scot

NHSGGC's Regional Services staff praised at annual awards

Four winners were named at the annual Regional Services awards, including a Senior Charge Nurse at the Beatson cancer centre, and staff working in challenging conditions in a mental health secure care ward.



Lynsey Watt

In total there were 35 nominations - double that of last year - coming from every area of Regional Services including cancer care, plastics, forensic mental health and neurology.

Lorna Welsh, an Advanced Clinical Nurse Specialist working in Haematology at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, was named Employee of the Year.



Mohamed Abdelsadg (Magic Leap)

This year's Innovation prize went to staff at the Institute for Neurological Sciences who have been using a pioneering mixed reality (MR) system that allows them to "see inside" a patient's body during surgery.

Meanwhile, Elder Ward nursing team at Rowanbank Clinic were praised for the care shown to patients in challenging circumstances as they were awarded Team of the Year.

The Leader of the Year prize went to Lynsey Watt, Senior Charge Nurse in the Beatson's B1 ward for Gynaecology and skin cancer patients.

An overall winner for the Regional Services category will be announced at NHSGGC's Celebrating Success Awards in May.

For more information on the winners, visit [Staffnet](#).



Lead nurse Alyson McArdle (collecting on behalf of Lorna Welsh)



Regional Service staff awards

Holyrood Connect Digital Health and Care Awards

NHSGGC teams were recognised at the annual Holyrood Connect Digital Health and Care Awards this week.

These awards focus on digital innovation within Scotland's health, social care and third-sector services.

NHSGGC's Cancer Pathway Management Solution – Patient Pathway Plus (PP+) won the Industry Collaboration Award category and Fracture Liaison Service (FLS) won the Digital Service Transformation category.

NHSGGC eHealth and Cancer Tracking teams, working with supplier Insource, have co-developed and adopted Patient Pathway Plus to unlock cancer data insights from multiple sources. Up to date joined and contextualised information is presented, allowing Cancer Trackers and frontline service staff to focus their attention and efforts on the patients with the most urgent need.

The Fracture Liaison Service application has been developed in partnership with eHealth, West of Scotland Innovation Hub, clinical teams and supplier Redstar.

It addresses a key challenge in osteoporosis and fragility fracture care. As the population ages, the impact of osteoporosis-related fractures is growing.

Despite available treatments, 50% of women over 50 do not receive optimal post-fracture care. The FLS application proactively identifies individuals who have experienced a fragility fracture and are at ongoing risk of further fractures.

Identified patients then have tailored care provided for their ongoing treatment via multidisciplinary teams.

For more information, visit [Staffnet](#).



Patient Pathway Plus



Fracture Liaison Clinic

Remember, for all your latest news stories, visit the Staffnet Hub:

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

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A
Ask yourself
Do I need to go out?
For information on treating minor illnesses and injuries from home, go to **NHS inform** or download the **NHS 24 App**.

B
Be aware
There is help on your doorstep.
Your local **GP, pharmacy, dental practice and optician** offer a range of services.

C
Call 111
If it's urgent, or you're unsure, call **NHS 24** on **111**.
They'll get you the care you need.

Unless it's an emergency - think ABC before visiting A&E.
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