

# Core brief

**Daily update**  
**(22 May 2024, 2.00pm)**

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## **Data Security Spotlight – Suspicious Communications**

It is important to remember never to click on any links or open any emails or other messages which look even remotely suspicious. If you suspect you have received anything to your work email address containing malicious content you must report it to: [spam@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:spam@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)

## **Changes to COVID testing guidance**

Following a clinical review, the Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care, the Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport, and the Minister for Public Health and Women's Health have agreed to end routine asymptomatic COVID-19 testing before discharge from Scottish hospitals to care homes and hospices.

Given the continued success of the COVID-19 vaccination programme, reduced severity of illness and hospitalisations, as well as availability of treatments for COVID-19, we are in a different stage of the pandemic and our testing guidance should reflect this.

The guidance stated that the testing protocol for COVID-19 revert to testing as appropriate and should now only be used to support clinical diagnosis and for

outbreak management as per the National Infection Prevention and Control Manual, or on advice from local Infection Prevention and Control Teams or local Health Protection Teams. Testing for those who are eligible for COVID-19 treatments will continue to be available.

While testing is paused, staff who have symptoms of a respiratory infection should follow the NHS [Inform](#) advice.

Full letter can be accessed here <https://www.publications.scot.nhs.uk/files/cmo-2024-06.pdf>

## **New to NHSGGC? Let us know more about your experience**

We are always looking for ways to improve the onboarding experience for new staff members, and your feedback is invaluable.

We are inviting any staff who have joined the organisation since 1 January 2024 to participate in a **Collaborative Conversation** to discuss your experiences as a new starter at NHSGGC. This is a great opportunity to share your thoughts on what went well during your recruitment, onboarding and first few months with us. We are always keen to understand what went well and use feedback to identify any areas we can improve.

| <b>Time &amp; date</b> | <b>Location</b>                         | <b>Link to sign up</b>  |
|------------------------|---|---|
| 25 June<br>2.00pm      | Teaching & Learning Centre, Room L2-006 | <a href="https://link.webpolsurveys.com/EP/998366AC2EB7E760">https://link.webpolsurveys.com/EP/998366AC2EB7E760</a> |
| 27 June<br>9.30am      | Online, via MS Teams                    | <a href="https://link.webpolsurveys.com/EP/11A9EFF8F120F1BA">https://link.webpolsurveys.com/EP/11A9EFF8F120F1BA</a> |

The session will last approximately 90 minutes and will be facilitated by the Staff Experience and Learning & Education teams.

Your participation is completely voluntary and confidential. All information shared during the focus group will be anonymised and used solely to improve the onboarding experience for future new starters.

Places are limited, so please register early to book your space.

If you can't attend but are looking for other opportunities to be involved, you can find more information on our [Staff Experience](#) pages.

## Watch Your Waste

Staff from the sustainability and communications and engagement team visited different sites recently to talk about all things waste!

Watch our [short video](#) of staff who stopped by the stalls to speak with our experts and ask questions about our Watch Your Waste campaign.

Are you doing your bit to help reduce our carbon footprint and cut costs? You can test your orange bag facts with our Watch Your Waste quiz, to take part [click here](#).

To find out more about Watch Your Waste visit: [Staffnet](#) or the NHSGGC [website](#).



## What Matters to You? 2024, Mini Seminar Programme

***“What matters to you – matters to us” #WMTY24***

This year the International ‘What Matters to You Day’ will be held on Thursday 6 June 2024. We aim to promote the importance of having WMTY conversations every day, within NHSGGC.



Throughout the week of WMTY Day, 3 – 7 June 2024, we have a programme of mini seminars, these will be delivered by a range of people, some who work within NHSGCC and also some guest presenters.

We encourage you to register for the seminars to deepen your understanding on What Matters to You conversations; to find out why they are so important and of the difference they can make to patient care.

Information on the seminars and presenters, with links on how to book, can be found [here](#) or using the QR code right.



### **The Infection Prevention and Control Quality Improvement Network Newsletter (IPCQIN)**

[Click here](#) for the seventh issue of the IPCQIN staff newsletter for an update on the network's progress to date.

Sandra Devine, Director of Infection Prevention and Control – Co-chair of the IPCQIN, said: “I am delighted to be able to share the seventh IPC Quality Improvement Network newsletter and our Board wide continued focus on improving person-centred infection prevention and control practices, ensuring a safe and effective care experience. There is much improvement work ongoing so please take the opportunity to read about the great work which is happening across all our clinical teams. Thank you in particular to our staff who continue to make such a difference to the control of the spread of organisms and to the care and treatment to our patients. I hope you enjoy reading about the work the IPCQI network are leading, and welcome any feedback or interest in this work.”

For the SWAY interaction version of the newsletter, visit:  
<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/uNK99Q9FRgr3KaUL?ref=Link>

**Remember, for all your latest news stories, visit our new Staffnet Hub:  
[GGC-Staffnet Hub - Home \(sharepoint.com\)](#)**

\*\*\*Staff are reminded to make sure their [personal contact details are up to date on eESS](#).\*\*\*

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