

# Core Brief



## **Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive (22 September 2023, 12.40pm)**

The next [Speak Up! Week](#) will commence on Monday 2 October 2023. Throughout the week, there will be a series of events and online opportunities for staff engagement. As you may be aware, Speak Up! Week is an annual opportunity to engage with you about the services available to raise concerns or issues you may have. Throughout the week, colleagues will be running drop in workshops so you can learn more about Whistleblowing, what to do about bullying and harassment and our Spiritual Care Service. I would encourage you to get involved in the activities available.

As staff will be aware, the presence of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) in Public Sector buildings across Scotland is currently being assessed. The coordination of this external expert assessment of buildings across Health Boards is being undertaken by NHS Scotland Assure. NHSGGC has carried out a desktop analysis of our estate, which identified a number of buildings that were built during the time period that RAAC systems were used. We will, over the coming months be supporting the NHS Scotland Assure team, and expert structural engineers, with their more in-depth review of some areas of the NHSGGC estate and should any issues be identified we will share these with staff. I would like to thank the Estates and Facilities team for their work to complete the initial inspection work and collaboration with external agencies.

Director of Planning, Fiona MacKay will be retiring from NHSGGC in the coming weeks. Fiona has shown great leadership in leading the development of our Remobilisation and Annual Delivery Plans as well as our Moving Forward Together Transformation Programme. I would like to thank Fiona for her significant contributions during her time with NHSGGC and wish her a very long and happy retirement. Following a rigorous recruitment process, I am pleased to announce that Claire MacArthur has been appointed as Fiona's successor. Claire is currently our Deputy Director of Planning and during her time in this role, she has built up an excellent working knowledge of our systems, processes and is already working with multiple stakeholders on our key planning priorities. Claire will commence her new role in November, and I look forward to working closely with her in the future.

Colleagues may have seen the fantastic news that Dr Ioanna Nixon, Clinical Director for Specialist Oncology Services at Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre, has received an award at the Scottish Women's Awards 2023. Dr Nixon received her award for Services to Medicine, with the judging panel focussing specifically on her work as a Consultant Oncologist as well as fund-raising activities she undertakes for cancer charities. Congratulations to Dr Nixon for this very well deserved award.

This week's patient feedback concerns our physiotherapy team in Gartnavel General Hospital. Our patient writes: "I am writing this review to commend Linda, Physiotherapist at Gartnavel General. I was referred to the Physiotherapy Services by my Consultant. Linda was pleasant and highly professional. She was well informed of my clinical history and condition. She was kind and considerate, attentive and meticulous in our consultation and session. She has helped me to manage my condition extremely well, and is helping me to lead a pain free and active professional life. She is a credit to her profession."

This is excellent feedback and I would like to thank Linda for the great patient centred treatment afforded to this patient.

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