

Core Brief



Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive

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Dear Colleagues,

As we continue to face the challenges presented by Storm Éowyn, I want to extend my sincere thanks to all staff working across our sites today for your professionalism and resilience. Your commitment to patient care during this challenging time has supported the service and enabled us to continue to treat those who urgently need our care. I would also like to thank our Civil Contingencies team for their effective business continuity planning, alongside Health Records for working hard last night to ensure our patients were informed of cancellations.

Thanks also to our estates and facilities colleagues, who have ensured access to all our sites throughout the storm today.

As we begin the buildup to our annual Excellence Awards, some of our local awards have already started taking place. This week our Public Health local staff awards took place at the Eastbank Conference and Training Centre, recognising a host of achievements from across the service. Congratulations to all the winners below:

- Employee of the Year - Lousie Logue, Health Improvement Practitioner Smoking Cessation
- Team of the Year - Health Protection and Health Services Admin Team
- Volunteer of the Year - Brian Laidlaw, Support and Information Services
- Leader of the Year - Susan Brodie-Adamson, Health Improvement Senior Smoking Cessation
- Innovation of the Year - Frontline Equalities Assessment Tool (Equalities and Human Rights Team)
- Unsung Hero - Hilda Crookshanks, Health Protection Nurse Specialist & Irene Stewart and Helen Macleod, Healthcare Support Workers Immunisation
- Mentorship Excellence - Sarah Duncan, Public Health Information and Publications Manager
- Creativity in Problem Solving - Helen Benson, Consultant Public Health



Charles Vincent (non-Exec Board member and Chair of the Population Health and Wellbeing) presents Unsung Hero Award

I am delighted to announce a new resource to support our neurodivergent colleagues. Developed in partnership and informed by insights from the lived experiences of members of our Neurodiversity Staff Group, our Neurodivergence guide offers a wealth of information on common neurodivergent conditions, including dyslexia, ADHD, and autism. I encourage all staff to review the guidance [here](#), which includes tips on creating a more inclusive work environment and complements our Reasonable Adjustment Guidance and Workplace Adjustment Passport.

The 22nd–28th of January marks Cervical Cancer Prevention Week. Each week, around six women are diagnosed with cervical cancer in Scotland. In line with the national screening programme, NHSGGC offers cervical screening to women and anyone with a cervix aged between 25 and 64. The test screens for the human papillomavirus (HPV) which is the main cause of cervical cancer and helps save up to 5,000 lives annually. My gratitude goes to the team providing this vital service to thousands of women every year. I urge all relevant staff to take advantage of this programme (even if they feel fine) by booking an appointment with their local GP when they receive their invitation. More information can be found [here](#).

And finally, my thanks go to the Diabetes Clinic team at the New Victoria ACH for making this patient feel at ease through her treatment journey:

“I recently found out that I have Type 1 diabetes and so was put in contact with the diabetes team at the New Victoria for advice and ongoing support.

“I just wanted to say that they have been phenomenal and made me feel reassured despite dealing with what is a pretty big change in my life.

“Carol and Yvonne both made me feel comfortable from the moment I met them, making sure that I felt like no question was too small or silly. They have a great amount of knowledge about diabetes and have made the start of my journey far simpler than I ever thought it could be.

“I have regular check ins and through my libre sensor they can monitor how I am doing and are always just an email or call away. I really can't thank them enough for all their support.”

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