

# Core Brief



## **Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive (24 May 2024, 3.45pm)**

Following the announcement of the general election on 4 July, new guidance on the conduct of NHS staff during the election period is anticipated and we will issue this through the Core Brief when available. I would ask all staff to look out for the guidance and to familiarise themselves with it.

The recent cyber-attack on another Health Board in Scotland has highlighted the importance of having robust cyber security. Managing technology and data safely and securely is everyone's responsibility throughout NHSGGC. This week and next, we are sharing top tips to ensure you follow best practices in keeping yourself, colleagues, and patients safe when it comes to cyber security. In addition to reading those tips, you can also visit the [eHealth StaffNet](#) page for more information and resources.

This week, I'd like to congratulate all 11 Primary Care Support nurses who have been recognised by the Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland (QNIS) for their long service. Between them, they have a total of 401 years' experience, with 280 of those years working in the community. Well done to everyone and I thank you for your long service.

Our nurses also had success at last night's Royal College of Nursing Awards. The Police Custody Healthcare Team was recognised as the overall Nursing Team of the Year. John McDonald, Senior Addiction Nurse at the North East Alcohol and Drug Recovery Service, won the Adult Nursing Award. David McLaughlin, HCSW Education and Development Lead, was runner-up for Nursing Support Worker of the Year. Margaret Reeves, Surgical Neonatal Liaison Nurse at the RHC, was highly commended for the People's Choice Award, and Jillian Sheddon, Macmillan Head and Neck Clinical Nurse Specialist at the QEUH, was awarded runner-up. Within the Mental Health nursing category, Pauline Zvima, Senior Advanced Nurse Practitioner at Auchinlea CMHT, was highly commended, and within the Learning and Practice Award, the Practice Education Department at NHSGGC was highly commended. Shona Malone, Interim Operation Manager for Prison Healthcare was awarded runner up for the Clinical Leadership Award. Huge congratulations to everyone.

Last Friday, several of our medical students and junior doctors were celebrated for their ground-breaking contributions to medical research. The annual St Mungo's Awards Research Symposium, which took place at the GRI, saw almost 40 research abstracts presented either orally or as posters. PhD student Jessica Roberts was awarded the St Mungo's Medal and the runner up was Anna Kamdar. Medical student Vhairi Simpson won the best student presentation prize and the best poster prize went to medical student Rafaella Hadjicosti. Our chair, Dr Lesley Thomson KC, attended the event and was highly impressed with the outstanding quality of work on show. My congratulations go to all the staff and students who participated in the event.



I'd like to spotlight some of the fantastic, cutting-edge work going on within our National Spinal Injuries Unit at the QEUH. Dr Mariel Purcell, Consultant in Spinal Injuries, led the Up-LIFT study, which utilises specially programmed electrical stimulation to aid functional recovery for patients who have suffered a spinal injury. The clinical trial's results are very impressive, with patients experiencing increased movement in their hands and upper limbs during stimulation, sometimes after years of seeing no improvements. My thanks to all of the team and patients involved in this innovative treatment, which opens the door for many future opportunities. You can read more about the study [here](#)

The Professional Transformation Programme hosted the administration awards last week. IRH Ward Clerk, Caireen Hawthorne, and Neurology Department Medical Secretary, Elaine Mawhinney, jointly won Employee of the Year. Colleague of the

Year was awarded to Dietetic Service Admin Clerical Officer, Janet Goodwin, and Dental Hospital Audio Typist, Lisa Dodd. Surgery and Anaesthetics Theatre Improvement Manager, Liz Mackay, and Orthopaedics Department Waiting List Manager, Anne McLean, were recognised as Managers of the Year. Team of the Year went jointly to the North Urology Administration Team and the Diagnostic Access and Performance Team. Well done to everyone who has been recognised.



Finally, I'd like to share some positive feedback from the Orthopaedics team at the QEUH. Well done to all staff involved in this patient's care.

"I had a wonderful experience within Ward 10A of QEUH. The care I received was absolutely fantastic from admission to discharge! The staff were absolutely fantastic! All charge nurses, nurses, doctors, support workers, physios, and domestics! I honestly couldn't have asked for better care! Plus, the cleanliness within the ward was second to none! A massive thank you to everybody! As the saying goes... not all superheroes wear capes! Also, a massive thank you to my consultant, the lovely Mr Patil! Without him, I'm really not sure where I would be today in regards to my hips!"

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