

# Core brief

**Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive  
(24 September 2020, 8.30am)**

The announcements of further restrictions over the last few days from the Scottish and UK Governments will be disappointing to us all.

I want you to know, as your Chief Executive, I understand that staff will have concerns about the potential demands on our services from a further surge and about your own safety and that of your families.

It is important to remember that we are in a better position now than in March. We do know much more about the virus and we also have significant learning from our experience of mobilising our health and social care services to respond to the first wave. This makes us better prepared.

The restrictions introduced this week are designed to stop us reaching the position we were in in the spring and to get the developing situation under control quickly.

I appeal to you all, both as staff and as good citizens, to follow the rules and help prevent a second spike. However difficult this may be, this needs a concerted effort from us all.

I also realise that this is a further difficult time for our patients and families who will be missing the comfort that visiting usually brings. I ask those of you working with our patients to keep doing what you do so well and continue to care for them both physically and emotionally at this testing time.

I also know that you will take care of one another – and that is what will get us all through this next phase.

Thank you all.

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