

Core Brief



Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive (25 August 2023, 9.30am)

This week, the National Records of Scotland issued figures which highlighted a decline in drug deaths across Scotland. Within NHSGGC, many of our Local Authority areas have experienced a reduction in the number of people passing away as a result of drug use, which is positive news. However, our teams continue to play a very important role to support people in our local communities who experience the consequences of drug misuse. Earlier this week, Drugs Minister Elena Whitham MSP visited the Enhanced Drug Treatment Facility in Glasgow City to learn more about the innovative approaches NHSGGC and our HSCP teams have implemented in recent years to improve access to harm reduction, treatment and care, and recovery. This facility is the first service in Scotland to offer help to people with severe opioid dependence, who are at the highest risk of harm and have been unable to engage with mainstream treatment options, making it an important tool in supporting people to receive care. I would like to thank everyone who took the time to be involved with the visit this week.

Undoubtedly, many of our staff will have been affected by the recent trial of Lucy Letby and the significant media coverage about the deeply harrowing and tragic events in Chester. I would like to remind all staff that if you have been affected by this and feel you need someone to speak to or need some additional support, our staff services are available for you to access whenever you need them. If you feel you do need any help, please speak with your line manager, or use the [services available](#) to you.

I was really pleased to see that this week, we have received the keys to our new staff wellbeing bus. The vehicle was donated to NHSGGC by Stagecoach Group and Arnold Clark Coachbuilders, with the Greater Glasgow and Clyde Healthcare Charity providing the funding for the full fit-out of the bus, which will provide a range of facilities for our community based staff. The wellbeing bus was designed following feedback from community staff about the need for better access to wellbeing resources, ranging from a space for quiet relaxation and a refreshment break, through to providing a facility where resources to support mental, physical and financial wellbeing are available. Our Staff Health Strategy Group and

Transport team have done a great job of enabling NHSGGC to introduce a person centred facility that will be out and around all of our six HSCP areas and our Laundry and Decontamination sites on an ongoing basis from Monday 4 September. Once on the road, our new bus will be supported by volunteers from Health Improvement, Human Resources and other support services that currently deliver wellbeing help to our staff. I would like to thank the Greater Glasgow and Clyde Healthcare Charity, Stagecoach Group and Arnold Clark for their donations and to all the staff who will be volunteering to take this important service to our colleagues in community settings.



Last week I was delighted to be able to attend our BME Network's evening event to celebrate South Asian Heritage Month. The evening was a great mix of food, music and stories from colleagues with South Asian heritage about their experience of living in Glasgow and working as part of the NHS. It was great to meet with so many staff from across NHSGGC and share a very enjoyable and insightful evening. My thanks to members of our BME Network for all of your hard work hosting the evening and for the awareness raising activity you have undertaken throughout South Asian Heritage Month.

This week, the feedback I would like to share with you is about the team at the QEUH Maternity Unit. Our new Mum writes; "I had a wonderful birth experience at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital and feel I very much benefitted from the new Assisted Midwife Unit. I was able to have a birth the way I had hoped and was supported and listened to throughout by the midwives but in particular, Nelly, who was incredibly supportive, positive and realistic with my wishes. I can't thank her

enough for delivering our baby safely and looking after me so well, it's such an empowering feeling to be so supported the way I was and I'm so pleased NHSGGC has facilitated the AMU as I feel it benefits maternal mental health postpartum too. Thank you."

I would also like to thank Nelly and the rest of the team for the great experience you enabled our patient to have. Well done and thank you.

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