

# Core brief

## Daily update

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## Update to NHS Inform Advice - Covid-19

As of the 13 June 2024, the [NHS Inform advice](#) on Covid-19 has been updated. This was informed by a review from Public Health Scotland and Scottish Government clinicians. Based on this review, it was recommended that the advice to self-isolate for five days following a positive Covid-19 test should be removed from guidance. This change to public health advice now brings Scotland in line with guidance in Wales and Northern Ireland.

This change to NHS Inform guidance also follows the [recent removal of asymptomatic COVID-19 testing before discharge from Scottish hospitals to care homes and hospices](#).

Since the 30 August 2023, health and social care staff with symptoms of a respiratory infection have been asked to follow the Covid-19 advice on NHS Inform. We ask health and social care staff to continue to follow this NHS Inform advice going forward. If there are any further changes to this advice, Scottish Government will engage with, and inform, health and social care employers accordingly.

The DL from August 2023 has been updated as per the changes outlined in this email. To access this updated DL please use the following link: [Notice of changes to Scottish Government's COVID-19 testing guidance](#).

Finally, we continue to recommend that any staff who are returning to work after recovering from symptoms of a respiratory infection, should do so in discussion with their line manager. This will allow for an appropriate risk assessment to take place prior to their return to the workplace. This is of particular importance for staff who work in areas of high clinical risk (please see PHS guidance [on return to work](#)).

## Update from the Area Clinical Forum

The NHSGGC Area Clinical Forum (ACF) recently held its second meeting of 2024/25, to bring together the knowledge, skills and commitment of the wider clinical community, to positively influence patient care.

The forum had last met in April, sharing updates and views with NHSGGC Head of Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act Programme, Helena Jackson, and Medical Director, Dr Jennifer Armstrong, on the Moving Forward Together Strategy. Significant focus in the latter is on redesigning services, with improved use of diverse teams and maximising use of technology solutions, such as artificial intelligence.



The executive update in April given by our CEO, Jane Grant, was echoed in our June meeting by Nurse Director, Professor Angela Wallace, with continued focus on the need to uncover new ways of achieving excellent patient care despite fiscal challenges, and addressing the high occupancy, partly resultant from significant numbers across our hospitals of people sadly delayed in their discharge or transfer of care. The ACF remain impressed by the work being done to improve delayed discharges, and indeed we were pleased to have the progress within NHSGGC praised by colleagues at the ACF National Chairs Group earlier in June: this is a national challenge and so one we can look to work together across Scotland to deliver improvement on.

Our June meeting focused on an acute services update from Dr Scott Davidson, Deputy Medical Director (Acute), around unscheduled care performance - both challenges and achievements. Strategies to improve the patient journey whilst reducing pressure on emergency departments were highlighted. With ACF membership spanning all Area Professional Committees (Allied Professionals and

Healthcare Scientists, Dental, Medical, Nursing and Midwifery, Optometric, Pharmaceutical and Psychology), Scott welcomed our diverse views.

Time is given in each ACF meeting for sub-committees to raise issues for attention of executive colleagues and indeed the Board. One of interest to many reading this came from Area Optometric Committee Chair, Sarah Freel: primary 7 vision screening will now cease in NHSGGC. As every child can have a free, full eye examination at their community optometrist, a possible solution exists, however the forum had helpful discussion on the challenge of some children in accessing community care.

Equality of access to care returned when we heard from the Area Psychology Committee about their changing ways of delivering care to meet high demand for services, with discussion focusing on work around digital inclusion.

Finding new, efficient solutions in these challenging times remains a priority, so please do share any ideas in your teams, and with your professional committee chair before our next ACF meeting in August 2024.

## **Roadworks - QEUH**

A reminder that Scottish Power are carrying out essential repairs on Govan Road and Moss Road from Monday 24 June 2024 for approximately three weeks. As a result, there are lane restrictions on Govan Road and Moss Road and three-way traffic control at the site entrance to QEUH at the Langlands Drive/Govan Road junction. To accommodate the traffic control, temporary traffic lights are situated in the Campus across from the entrance to car park 5 and access to and from the campus at this junction will be significantly compromised.

Transport engineers are on-site to manually control traffic lights and help promote traffic flow on and off-site and minimise congestion within the campus. However, disruption is likely – especially at peak times - for patients, visitors and staff, and it would be prudent to allow extra time for your journey to and from the QEUH campus.

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