

Core brief

Daily update

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Recording COVID-19 Related Absences on SSTS

Currently, we have eight different Special Leave codes which can be used to record COVID-19 related absences. It is important that SSTS reflects the current absence reason.

Full definitions and detailed examples of when to use each code are detailed in our Management Quick Guide V.7 – [here](#)

SSTS Codes:

SP-Coronavirus: Employees who are absent due to caring responsibilities for dependents.

SP-Coronavirus-COVID 19 Positive: Employees who have tested positive for the virus and must isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms.

SP- Coronavirus- Long COVID: Employees who are still unfit for work following their positive test result. Absence must be supported with GP fit notes.

SP-Coronavirus- Household Related Self Isolating: Someone in the household of the employee is displaying symptoms or employee is required to isolate prior to an operation or medical procedure.

SP-Coronavirus-Self displaying symptoms-Self Isolating: Employee is displaying symptoms and awaiting a test.

SP- Coronavirus- Underlying Health Condition: Employee has an underlying health condition putting them in the at risk category.

SP-Coronavirus-Test and Protect Isolation: Employee has been identified as a close contact of a positive case.

SP- Quarantine: Employee has returned from abroad and a quarantine period has been re-imposed (Lockdown restrictions apply).

Please Note: Employees who are able to work from home, do not need this recorded on SSTS using a COVID Special Leave absence code.

If you would like support or guidance on anything mentioned above please do not hesitate to contact the team by email at staff.covid19@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.

Students Fixed Term Contract Opportunity

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde is committed to the investment of our current and future workforce. As part of this we are dedicated to the professional development and personal growth of all of our students, across all professions to help not only develop skills and competence but prepare you for life on the frontline following your accreditation and registration.

We are offering the opportunity for all healthcare students to gain further experience in paid roles across the Board and to assist with immediate workforce requirements.

Fixed term contracts for the following roles are available depending on your current year of training as follows:

Nursing, Midwifery and AHP Students

Year 1 Students – Band 2 Healthcare Support Worker
Year 2 Students - Band 3 Student Healthcare Worker
Year 3 Students – Band 4 Student Healthcare Worker
Year 4 AHP Students – Band 4 Student Healthcare Worker

Medical Students

Year 4 Medical Students - Band 3 Student Healthcare Worker
Year 5 Medical Students - Band 4 Student Healthcare Worker

All posts will be for 15 hours per week, which will be agreed and rostered in liaison with your agreed Line Manager as part of the process.

To submit your expression of interest, please complete the form at:
<https://link.webpolsurveys.com/S/BB9678A92A202866>

The deadline for responses is Wednesday 3 February 2021.

Coronavirus Scam

Fraudsters are trying to take advantage of the COVID vaccination programme to make money from the public including NHS staff.

Good cyber hygiene does not change. Always be aware that an unsolicited telephone call, email or text message may not be from the person or organisation which it appears to be from. Never click on a link in a message you're not expecting, and remember the NHS will never ask you for money relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please ensure your family and friends are also aware of this scam and they know that the NHS will never ask for money relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Pioneering service to reduce bone fractures celebrates 20 years

A pioneering service which helps to reduce the number of people suffering from bone fractures by identifying and treating those most at risk of osteoporosis is celebrating its 20th year. The Fracture Liaison Service (FLS) was the brainchild of Glasgow based doctors, Stephen Gallacher and Alastair McLellan and has since been adopted by health services across the world.



Across NHSGGC's acute sites, 11 specialist nurses work to identify patients over 50 who present with a fracture at hospital. They also identify patients who might be at risk through outpatient x-ray and orthopaedic records. Those at risk can be given a number of treatment options, including low-cost drug treatments to strengthen and protect bones and muscles.

Dr Gallacher has been recognised for his work with an award from the Royal Osteoporosis Society. The society said he had played a 'significant role in improving the lives of those with osteoporosis'.

[Click here for more information.](#)



Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at: www.nhsggc.org.uk/covid19. If you have any questions about the current situation please check the [FAQs](#) first. If you have any further questions, please email: staff.covid19@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

Staff are reminded to make sure their [personal contact details are up to date on eESS](#).

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