

# Core brief

## Daily update

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### How to order new LFTs

The Lateral Flow Test kits we use twice weekly are changing, but you can still order them in the same way. When you require new LFT kits, please request these from your line-manager.

If you still have any of the current brand of kit (Innova), don't worry, you can still use them until you need a new box.

Remember, not only is it important to take your tests to help us identify outbreaks of COVID-19 but it's also crucial that you report your results on the portal.

To report your result visit: [NSS Online Portal](#). For further information visit: [NHSGGC LFT Webpages](#).

### Period poverty

Staff may be aware that NHSGGC made a commitment to providing access to free sanitary products for staff, patients and visitors to our sites.

It is an enormous task to ensure that all of our facilities have dispenser points in our significant number of bathroom areas, however, the Estates and Facilities team is on track to install dispensers at all of our sites before the Period poverty is a real challenge in many of our local communities and it is really important that we play our part to make free sanitary wear accessible for everyone who needs it.

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If staff would like to find out more about period poverty, the Royal College of Nursing has produced some [information](#), which you may find interesting.

### CHARISMA study begins at QEUH

A collaboration between NHSGGC R&D, Public Health Scotland and led by MRC-University of Glasgow Centre for Virus Research aims to understand the contribution of influenza and SARS-CoV-2 in adult patients admitted to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital.

The CHARISMA study started this week (23 November) and hopes to generate near real-time data on the proportion of adults admitted to QEUH through the Emergency Department who have confirmed flu or COVID-19, through the use of an NHS-approved digital data collection tool and rapid point-of-care PCR tests.

Very low levels of influenza activity were observed last winter, likely due to behavioural and environmental interventions, such as physical distancing, limited foreign travel, as well as higher rates of influenza vaccination. However, with the easing of COVID-19 mitigation measures, and increase in mixing and travel, a resurgence of influenza and other respiratory viruses this autumn/winter is anticipated.

Data generated by the study will augment current Public Health Scotland activities to monitor levels of flu and SARS-CoV-2 infection in the community and hospitals. It is hoped this approach will be rolled out across Scotland, should the study be a success. Furthermore, data from the study will be used to develop a streamlined diagnosis and management pathway for patients presenting to hospital with suspected flu and COVID-19.

### **Student Placement of the Year Award**

The Glasgow Clinical Research Facility has been praised for going “above and beyond” for student placements, after winning Student Placement of the Year at the Student Nursing Times Awards.

The GCRF fought off competition from all over the UK to be named the winner of the category. Judges were impressed with the support network the team had created to manage the anxieties associated with going on placement, while creating an environment where students could flourish.

Naomi Hickey, Education and Training Officer, said: “With the help and support of NHSGGC Practice Education Facilitator team and Glasgow Caledonian University, we started placements approximately five years ago, and we have used feedback from students to continue to shape and adapt the placements we offer.

“It’s a real privilege to be recognised by this award, we have worked hard to develop our student placements. Clinical research is a slightly unknown quantity for students, so this is an honour for the whole research community.”

**Lateral Flow Tests - Available to all staff working on site**

Speak to your line manager about where to collect your test kit, then:

**Register**  
your kit

**Test**  
twice per week

**Record**  
your results

**Keep your colleagues and patients safe from COVID-19**

**Help stop the spread!**

Visit: [www.nhsggc.org.uk/lfid-stafftesting](http://www.nhsggc.org.uk/lfid-stafftesting)

Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at: [www.nhsggc.org.uk/covid19](http://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: [HR.Support@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:HR.Support@ggc.scot.nhs.uk).

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