

Core brief

Daily update

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Change in LFD testing frequency for healthcare workers

The Scottish Government has now advised that all Healthcare workers can revert back to twice weekly Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing as opposed to the current testing on a daily basis.

We have sufficient LFT kits available and many have been distributed to local areas. We do however require assurance that they are being used by our staff and in line with this updated guidance. As such it's important that all staff not only test twice weekly, preferably prior to their shift, but also that they record their LFT results, whether positive, negative or inconclusive on the [Online Portal](#).

If your details have changed since you first registered (i.e. you have changed job or location), please check your details and update them, by simply logging into the [Online Portal](#) and click on 'Update your Personal Details'. This helps us ensure we're accurately reporting staff use within NHSGGC.

As restrictions within the community continue to ease it's important to remember that there are still safety measures in place, which we need to follow so that we can continue to enjoy this return to a more normal social life. Regular twice weekly testing and reporting of results is a key way of ensuring we're doing all we can to keep ourselves, our patients and colleagues safe, so thank you for your ongoing support.

Involving our patients in Realistic Medicine

Shared decision making is at the heart of the principle of Realistic Medicine and patients are now being encouraged to ask us medical professionals more questions.

Long gone are the days of 'Doctor knows best' where patients are not part of the decision making for their care.

The new 'Information for patients attending hospital' leaflet will prompt them to ask the important questions about their health or condition– What are the **b**enefits? What are the **r**isks? What are the **a**lternatives? What if I do **n**othing? These add up to BRAN.

NHSGGC's lead for Realistic Medicine, Dr Alastair Ireland said: "We want our patients to get the most out of their consultation and feel part of what is happening to them. BRAN does just that and this leaflet is a helpful prompt to remind them."

"There is also space for them to write down their question in advance and the QR code will take them to the NHS Inform page about BRAN. We want our patients to know it is ok to ask."

"And we as medical professionals should also be asking ourselves whether patients will really **b**enefit from the proposed test or treatment, whether we are exposing them to **r**isks, what **a**lternatives we have discussed and whether, if we were the patient, whether we might actually opt to do **n**othing at this stage." [It's OK to Ask | NHS inform](#)



Lone Workers – Final opportunity to activate an Amber Alert - today.

All users of Reliance Protect Lone Worker Device

It's your final opportunity to activate and Amber Alert today! If this action isn't taken your device will be classed as lost/out of service and placed onto a reallocation list.

How to activate an amber alert - contained within guidance - <https://www.nhsggc.org.uk/media/239720/identicom-user-guidance.ppt>

Where any devices are lost, please inform Health & Safety by contacting Heather.Wood@ggc.scot.nhs.uk as soon as possible.

Incidents Involving Healthcare IT - pilot of a new Datix question

With digital clinical safety increasingly important and our increased dependence on technology we are adding a new question to our Datix system to encourage the reporting of any adverse event affecting a patient where healthcare related information technology has been a contributory factor.

Did Healthcare IT (e.g. software or computer equipment) potentially contribute to this incident? This is a Yes/No question with an additional small subset of questions if the answer is 'Yes'

As part of this two month pilot the clinical e-health leads will screen these highlighted Datix reports to build a pattern of reported adverse events involving healthcare IT systems. This will not affect the usual Datix workflow and managers should continue to review and approve their incidents in line with the Incident Management policy. This is part of a trial involving 5 other Scottish health board areas and is being promoted through the NHS HIS Adverse Event network.

We recognise the additional burden of adding a question to Datix and will only continue with this at the end of the pilot if the evaluation has proved to be of value

Further information on the pilot can be found on the [Datix StaffNet homepage](#).

New Falls Prevention information on StaffNet

Are you interested in falls prevention? Do you want to learn more about how to keep your patients safe? Are you looking for improvement ideas?

Following staff feedback we have been redeveloping the Falls homepage on StaffNet. [Please click here](#) to access our new pages; have a look around and let us know what you think using the [short questionnaire](#). We are committed to giving all staff access to up-to-date falls prevention advice and information. If you wish to comment further or find alternative supports then please contact your local Hospital Falls Prevention Coordinator.

North Sector – Alison Patterson and Susan Fraser

South Sector – Elaine McLaren and Lindsey Rolling

Clyde Sector – Shona Mackinnon

Active Staff activities

Health Walks

During March we are offering you the chance to join one of our Health Walks on a weekday. [Click here](#) to find out more. We're here to inspire and encourage you to embrace the season and get the most out of your walking experience.

At Work Tool Kit - Health at Hand™ Interactive Webinar

Take part in a one hour interactive online training session with Scottish Ballet, discover why movement and breathing can regulate high stress states. To book a place click [here](#).

Sessions available on: Tuesday 8 March 13:30-14:30 | Tuesday 29 March 09:30-10:30.

M8 – Junction 25 work

Amey will be carrying out essential maintenance work on the overbridges between junction 25 (Cardonald) and junction 25a (Braehead) of the M8 motorway from 7th March – 30th June 22. This will involve lane restrictions and overnight closures during the course of the work. [Click here for more information](#).

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
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Keep your colleagues and patients safe from COVID-19
Help stop the spread!

Visit: 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. 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.

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

Are your contact details up-to-date? [Click here](#) to check