

Core brief

Daily update

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LFT changes to kits – Monday 29 November

The Lateral Flow Test kits we use to test ourselves for COVID-19 each week are changing with the new brand of kit (Orient Gene) coming into circulation from today - 29 November 2021. There are important differences to how you use this new brand of test and its therefore essential that you familiarise yourself with how the tests should be carried out prior to use. Further information on the new Orient Gene brand of test and how to use it can be found on the [NHSGGC LFT Webpages - Resources](#).



These new LFT kits are just as reliable as the existing ones and will simply come in smaller batches of 28 tests. If you still have some of the current brand of test (Innova), please continue to use these until you require more. New/replacement kits are still requested from your line manager and ordered through PECOS.

Although the type of kit and how we carry out the actual test itself is changing, it is vital that we continue to record our results using the [NSS Online Portal](#). Thank you for continuing to test twice weekly, by doing so, you are helping to protect our patients, colleagues, loved ones and the general public.

Update on review of temporary visiting arrangements in specific areas across NHSGGC

In line with the national guidance on hospital visiting, risk assessments are in place for all wards to ensure the ongoing safety of staff and patients.

Following review and recommendations by local Incident Management Teams (IMT) followed by corporate review by senior medical, nursing, infection prevention and control and operational managers there are **four areas** where it has been necessary to apply a purposeful and targeted approach to visiting restrictions based on underlying risk assessments. These revisions to visiting were approved by the Strategic Executive Group (SEG) on Friday 26 November. The four areas are as follows:

1. Glasgow Royal Infirmary Nightingale Wards – these wards will continue to coordinate visiting using the **essential visiting** criteria.

2. Royal Alexandra Hospital Adult Acute Wards – these wards will continue to coordinate **one named visitor per patient**. This does not affect the maternity, gynaecology and mental health wards.

3. Langlands Hospital, QEUH, Older People Wards – these wards will move to **one named visitor per patient** from Monday 29 November. This applies to wards 51, 55 and 57.

4. Gartnavel General Hospital, Older People Wards – these wards will move to **one named visitor per patient** from Monday 29 November. This applies to wards 2A, 4C, 8A and 8C.

The recommendation to restrict visitation in these areas is an enhanced precautionary approach to ensure continued safety of patients, families, and staff.

In addition, red pathway COVID Hubs and all outbreak wards are restricted to ‘essential visits only’ in accordance with IMT review and recommendations.

This situation will be kept under close review and it is vitally important for all clinical staff to communicate with patients and their families daily to advise to phone the ward in advance of visiting to seek guidance about visiting arrangements in the ward they intend to visit.

All patients and their family affected by these revisions to visiting should be offered **daily virtual visits as a minimum** to ensure they can see and talk to those people who matter most to them.

All staff are reminded visiting arrangements need to be applied flexibly and compassionately and each patient’s needs considered on their own merits. Carers, those providing essential care or emotional support, or spiritual care are not considered to be visitors and should continue to be permitted to attend a patient in hospital.

It should be noted no other sites are currently affected and should continue to provide a full approach to person-centred visiting in accordance with the [Hospital Visiting Staff Webpage](#) and COVID-19 safety measures.

What Matters To You Day 2021 – report available

Wednesday 9 June 2021 was What Matters To You (WMTY) Day. Celebrated internationally, people in NHSGGC and worldwide took the opportunity to have meaningful conversations with people about what mattered most to them on the day.

A report summarising our activity to ask, listen and do what matters to people in NHSGGC is now available on the WMTY pages of our [website](#).

Thank you for your involvement and participation this year.

Plans are underway for WMTY22 - more information will be shared in due course. In the meantime, let’s make every day a WMTY day!

Admission to Major Trauma Ward (1c), QEUH

Please find the updated admission criteria for the [Major Trauma Ward \(MTW\) here](#).

Currently we need all patients transferred from other areas by 5pm at the latest.

If you're struggling to get patients moved by that time please contact the MTW and duty manager who will do their best to help facilitate the move.

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/lfd-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