

# Core brief

**Daily update**  
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## **COP26 at Gartnavel**

With COP26 just around the corner, passionate NHSGGC paediatric healthcare workers are continuing to cycle over 800 kilometres from London to Glasgow, to highlight the need for climate action ahead of COP26.

Ahead of the UN's Climate Conference, in Glasgow, the healthcare professionals will arrive at Gartnavel Royal Hospital in Glasgow on Sunday 31 October, after stopping at Bristol, Sheffield and Newcastle along the way.

While you may not be able to join the physical Ride for their Lives, you can support the challenge by joining healthcare professionals from around the world and clocking your cycled kilometres virtually on Strava. [Sign up here.](#)

On arrival the cyclists will be able to experience the pollution pods art project by artist Michael Pinsky. The pods safely mimic air quality, temperature and smell of London, Beijing, São Paulo, New Delhi and Tautra, a remote peninsula in Norway. The pollution pods will remain on site during COP26, until Friday 12 November and will open to the public and NHS staff on Tuesday 2 November.

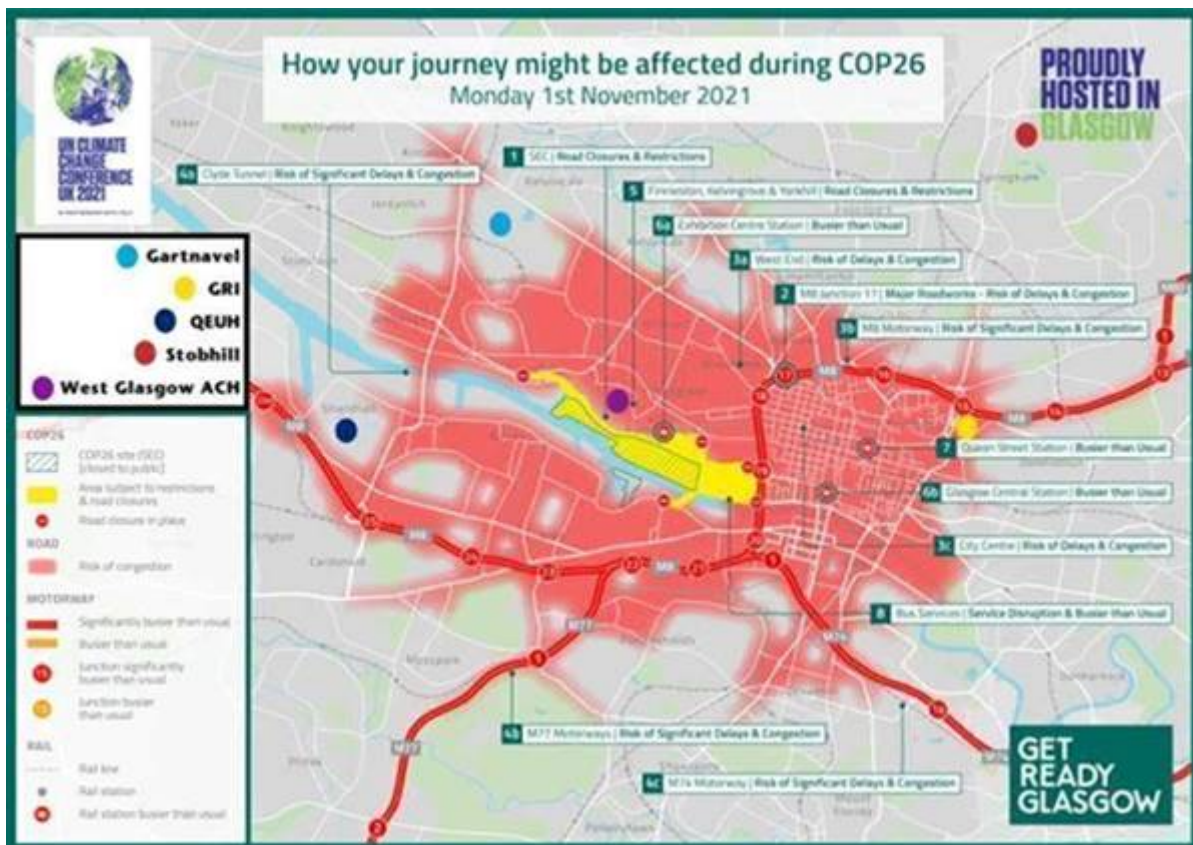


Pic of pollution pods art project by artist Michael Pinsky

### Act now and get ready for COP26

Some of the main road closures, including the closure of the Clydeside Expressway and Clyde Arc are now in place. Anyone travelling in and around Glasgow must now plan ahead to ensure reaching their destination in time. Some delegates and those planning to protest are arriving now and with more than 25,000 people expected to attend the UN Climate Conference between 31 October and 12 November, there will be a high level of disruption before, during and after the event.

There may be unscheduled protests which block roads or cause other significant disruption. On 1 and 2 November more than 120 world leaders will be in Glasgow, which will lead to further road closures. The [congestion map](#) is below:



You must act now to plan ahead. Watch this video that details some of the expected impacts of COP26 and how you can get ahead: [\(77\) NHSGGC Staff - UN Climate Change Conference \(COP26\) Travel Information - YouTube](#)

Have you checked the staff FAQs? A number of questions which services and staff may have in relation to NHSGGC operations and how they might be impacted by COP26 have been produced. These are available at: [NHSGGC: COP26 Climate Conference](#).

Remember to carry your staff ID with you at all times to access your own facility and any others you have to attend.

The shuttle buses that operate between sites are having to run a revised service during COP26 on the routes to GGH. This is to allow more time for the trips. More information is available at: [NHSGGC : NHSGGC Staff Shuttle Bus Timetables](#).

You can keep up to date on all COP26 arrangements by visiting: [www.getreadyglasgow.com](http://www.getreadyglasgow.com)

For a useful round-up on COP26 disruptions on the BBC website, visit: [COP26: How are road closures affecting Glasgow? - BBC News](#)

### Physical Distancing within NHSGGC

As a reminder to staff, two metre Physical Distancing remains in place across NHSGGC, this includes the following areas: office spaces, general circulation spaces such as lift halls, foyer areas, canteen, shops, lecture halls, meeting rooms, office spaces outside clinical areas (this list is not exhaustive).

All individuals in these common circulating spaces (staff, patients, visitors, contractors, volunteers) must wear face masks/coverings in line with [Scottish Government guidance](#) or FRSM in line with extended use of FRSM policy. Where staff remove FRSMs for any reason e.g. eating, drinking, changing, staff are to maintain two metre physical distancing.

**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).

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