

Core brief

Daily update

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Training opportunity in British Sign Language (BSL)

Our hugely popular beginner's BSL classes are once again being offered to NHSGGC staff.

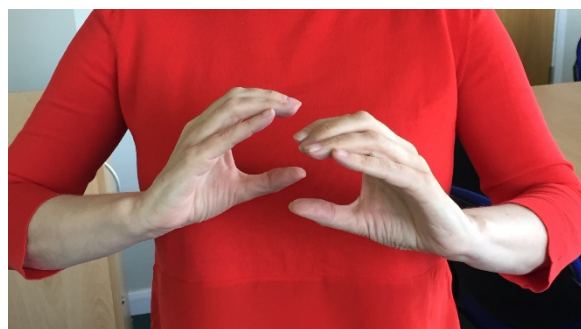
A number of 6-week courses will be held at both the QEUH and Inverclyde Royal Hospital from May 2025.

Classes offer an insight into how Deaf people communicate and covers the alphabet, how to introduce yourself, colours, numbers and role playing.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please speak to your line manager before applying.

It is important to commit to the 6 weeks. Please be aware that if you do not attend the first class, your place will be offered to someone else.

For more information on venues and times, and to book a place, please visit our [Staff Training web page](#).



Diagnostics: Celebrating Success Staff Awards

The Diagnostics Directorate recently recognised several outstanding individuals and teams locally for their exceptional contributions to their field.

Here are the worthy award winners:

- Leader of the Year (Joint Winners) - Andrew Reilly, Scientific Director and Nicola Wyllie, Senior Charge Nurse
- Employee of the Year - Jason Crooks, Operational Services Manager, Diagnostic Imaging
- Innovation of the Year - Toxicology & Therapeutic Drug Monitoring Service, Clinical Biochemistry
- Team of the Year - Radionuclide Dispensary



You can find out more about the winners and their stories on [Staffnet](#).

Datix Staff Survey

There's still time to complete the Datix Staff Survey. We want to hear your views on the system, understand what the challenges are with the current ways of working and use your experiences to help shape a new system. The survey should only take a few minutes to complete and your responses will help inform our future ways of working.

Deadline is 11 April. Find the survey [here](#).

GGC Medicines Update

The GGC Medicines Update is a series of blogs with important medicines-related messages relevant to all healthcare professionals across GGC. Please see below for new blogs and relevant updates.

New blogs

- [GGC Medicine Prescribing and Administration Resources](#)
- [Antidepressants, benzodiazepines and z-hypnotics: Quality Prescribing Advice and Resources](#)
- [Bleeding risk with SSRIs/SNRIs in combination with NSAIDs, OACs and LMWH](#)
- [The GGC COPD Exacerbation Service: Reminder of Community Pharmacy Service](#)

Updates

- [Guideline News February 2025](#)
- [MHRA Safety Roundup March 2025](#)
- [Formulary Update March 2025](#)

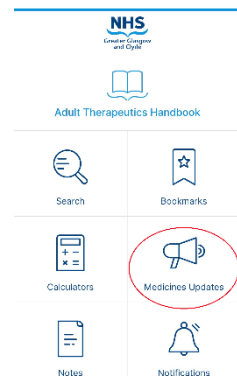
GGC Medicines App

Did you know that all Medicines Update blogs are available to GGC staff on the **GGC Medicines app**?

If you don't already have the GGC Medicines (Handbook) app, you can access it via these links:

[Google Play Store](#)

[Apple App Store](#)



Log in details can be found on the [GGC Clinical Info](#) page [NHSGGC network access required].

All of our blogs can be found on www.ggcmedicines.org.uk and anyone can join our mailing list by contacting us at ggc.medicines.update@nhs.scot

We're also on social media, follow us on: X/Twitter [@NHSGGCMeds](#)

Band 5 nurses urged to apply for role re-evaluation

Band 5 nursing staff who believe they are working at a higher level are encouraged to apply to have their pay banding re-evaluated now.

The review is open to Band 5 nurses across all fields of practice, specialties and settings, including those working in bank roles.

Successful applicants will see their role upgraded to Agenda for Change Band 6.

To ensure consistency of the application process, a National online digital portal/app has been developed, hosting an online application form. You can access the portal/app from any device, but you will need your NHS email address and sign-in details.

The application includes questions about all aspects of your job including the skills and knowledge required, your responsibilities and working environment. The application form is designed to gather information needed to evaluate your role.

Nurses are asked to discuss their applications with their manager before making the initial submission.

Full information on the process is available on the Scottish Terms and Conditions (STAC) website: [STAC Agenda for Change Review](#).

Further information is also available on [Staffnet](#).

Remember, for all your latest news stories, visit the Staffnet Hub:

[GGC-Staffnet Hub - Home \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

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

**It is important to share Core Brief with colleagues who do not have access to a computer.
A full archive of printable PDFs are available on the [website](#)**