

# Core brief

## Daily update

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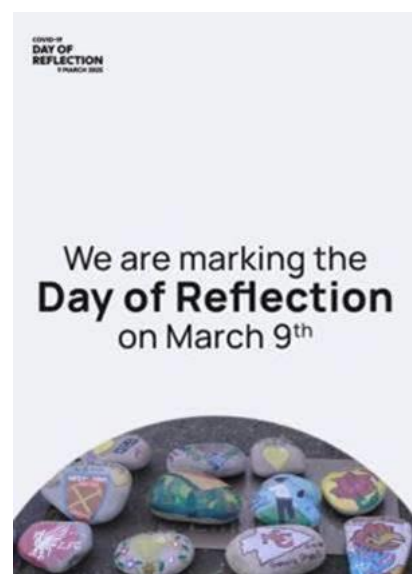
- Message to all staff ahead of National Day of Reflection - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March - One minute silence details



## Day of Reflection

On Sunday 9 March at 12noon, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde will hold a minute's silence to remember those we lost and mark the commitment and sacrifice of all our Health and Social Care staff throughout the COVID pandemic as part of a National Day of Reflection.

Those first few months – from spring 2020 to the end of the year – brought a set of challenges we had never experienced before. The fear and uncertainty, the pressure on our all services through increased demand and through the requirement for strict measures to keep us all safe.



On top of that, the loss of friends and loved ones. The sheer sadness that swept the entire country. We would like to extend our deepest condolences to all those who lost someone close to them.

From frontline staff in our Emergency Department and teams working on our new COVID wards, to our GP surgeries and the staff in our care homes – every one of us will remember just how tough those days were.

But we should also remember how everyone throughout NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde stepped up – how every single one of us rose to meet the tasks we faced.

Within weeks we had adopted new ways of working and we had embraced new technology – all in the pursuit of the best possible care for our patients.

And to those people – those thousands of staff who did so much for our patients, we say thank you. Thank you for the long hours, for the time away from your families, for the courage it took to put on that PPE and head out on to the ward, into the clinic or around the care home every shift.

Every week, the country gathered to thank you for everything you did – and we hope that appreciation will never be forgotten.

But despite the arrival of the vaccine in 2021 and the difference that made, despite the fact COVID numbers have fallen, we are all still dealing with the legacy of those difficult times.

As is the case right across the country, all our services still face considerable challenges. Every day, every one of us is doing all we can to address those challenges and to make sure our patients get access to the best care we can provide.

We would like to thank our staff once more for that new commitment – whether you worked through the pandemic, or whether you have joined the NHSGGC family more recently.

The challenges of COVID forced us to adopt new ways of working. They accelerated change that in more normal times might have taken years to achieve.

The use of digital technology and AI, the commitment to help more people more quickly through day surgeries and virtual care – all of these changes bring with them a new set of opportunities, to look forward and to work together in the interests of better care, better health, a better workplace.

So, on Sunday 9 March at 12.00pm we invite you to join the nation in a moment's reflection, to mark the loss and the sacrifice, to remember with pride the commitment, professionalism and teamwork – and to look forward to a new future, shaped by the pandemic, but designed for a new century of healthcare.

For more on how you can take part in the Day of Reflection, go to: [COVID-19 Day of Reflection 2025](#)

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