

Core brief

Daily update

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- Decontamination of Ultrasound Probes
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- Band 5 nurses urged to apply for role re-evaluation

Decontamination of Ultrasound Probes

A recommendation from a review of the decontamination of ultrasound probes used invasively (contact with sterile tissue during the intervention) is the requirement to highlight to all clinical teams the necessity to review manufacturers reprocessing instructions. In line with manufacturer's instructions and National guidance for this class of invasive ultrasound probe and independent of whether a sterile sheath is used, this equipment should be sterilised through the Central Decontamination Unit.

Listening to our patients

Listening to our patients, their families and carers, and hearing about their experience of care is extremely important to NHSGGC. Care Opinion is one of the feedback mechanisms that helps us do this.

Care Opinion is an independent organisation and website, where patients, families and carers can share their feedback about their healthcare experiences (www.careopinion.org.uk). The feedback we receive provides us with the opportunity to learn from people that use our services on what is working well and identify any areas of improvement.

Some highlights are shown below, with staff being the most frequently used tag to describe what was good about our services. The key themes from the word cloud are the care our staff provide, their helpfulness and their friendliness.

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](#).

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