

# Core brief

**Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive  
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I'd like to start by congratulating our winners from last night's Scottish Health Awards. Well done to the Breastfeeding Promotion Team who scooped the Global Citizenship Award and to the Nuclear Cardiology Team the GRI who won the Innovation Award! It is a fantastic achievement to be recognised as the best across the whole country and a real testament to the staff working at NHSGGC that not only did we win two awards, but we were also shortlisted for no fewer than 15 in total. Well done, everyone! You can find a full list of winners [here](#).

On Wednesday, we hosted the Chief Medical Officer, Professor Sir Gregor Smith, at Kirkintilloch Health and Care Centre and then the Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre, where he was able to learn more about our approach to Realistic Medicine (RM) across NHSGGC. Professor Smith met our Chair, Dr Lesley Thomson, KC, alongside the RM leads championing this transformative approach to healthcare, which places personal and shared decision-making at the heart of patient care. My thanks to everyone involved in organising this visit and to the 150 Realistic Medicine Champions across NHSGGC. You can find more information [here](#).



As Remembrance Day approaches, we are reminded to honour and remember the sacrifices made by the Armed Forces. In particular, this is an opportunity to recognise almost 60 staff who are either currently serving within the Reserve Forces or are veterans. I want to thank them for their service, acknowledging the training and experience they bring, which is hugely beneficial to their roles within our Board. If you have colleagues who are part of our Armed Forces community – whether as reservists, veterans, service leavers, or as spouses/partners – consider reaching out to them at this time.

I would also like to remind staff that there will be a two-minute silence on Monday, 11th November, at 11:00 am to mark Remembrance Day and ask that people are respectful of colleagues who would like to take time to reflect.

I'm pleased to highlight that work has begun on the replacement of our Radionuclide Dispensary, following approval to relocate the facility from the old Western Infirmary site to Gartnavel. This is a fantastic step forward, marking the upgrade of such an important service, which over the years has become the largest centralised radiopharmacy in the UK, manufacturing more than 35,000 individual patient doses annually. The new facility will help ensure the service can grow to meet further demand while future-proofing the dispensary with new technologies to continue supporting our services. My thanks to the Property and Capital Planning team for their hard work in progressing proposals to this stage, and I look forward to the completion of the new facility.

This week marks Occupational Therapy (OT) Week, and I'd like to take a moment to thank all our OTs across NHSGGC for the incredible work you do with our patients. OTs play a crucial role in helping thousands of patients every year to do the things they want and need in their daily lives while managing health issues. For many, this is life-changing work, and this week should be a time to reflect on the positive impact you have. My thanks again. You can read about one our patients, Ayaan, and his remarkable journey to recovery with support from our RHC multi-disciplinary rehabilitation team [here](#).



Finally, I'd like to spotlight some wonderful feedback about the Vale of Leven day surgery unit. Well done to everyone who looked after this patient:

"My hernia operation was carried out at Vale of Leven Hospital. The staff were all excellent; I could not have received better care.

"I was well prepared prior to the day of the operation through a face-to-face with the consultant and a telephone pre-op appointment. These answered all my questions and made me aware of possible complications that could have arisen.

"Throughout my care, I was kept informed at all times of what was happening and who was treating me. All of the appointments and the timings of my operation were accurate, and at no time was I left twiddling my thumbs or wondering what was going on.

"I would like to thank everyone at Vale of Leven who treated me."

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