

Core brief

Daily update

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Dementia Awareness Week: 31 May – 6 June 2021

Once again, we find ourselves planning for a more “virtual” Dementia Awareness Week (DAW) as we reflect on what has been a very different and difficult year. DAW will take place between Monday 31 May and Sunday 6 June and the theme for this year is **Hidden voices, Hidden impact, Hidden cost - let's talk about dementia**.

Hidden voices, Hidden impact, Hidden cost will reflect on the devastating impact, and true experience, of coronavirus on the dementia community and Alzheimer Scotland will use DAW to start communicating their views on what a National Care Service should and could look like for people with dementia and their families and carers. This element of the week is the start of a longer communications plan to talk about the future of a National Care Service. You will find the Alzheimer Scotland's report here: [COVID-19: the hidden impact | Alzheimer Scotland \(alzscot.org\)](#)

Let's talk about dementia offers an the opportunity to communicate key areas of Alzheimer Scotland's work and really open the conversation around dementia, particularly as we come out of a pandemic. One of the key areas will be 'let's talk about keeping connected'. You can get more information from Alzheimer Scotland here: [Dementia Awareness Week 2021 | Alzheimer Scotland \(alzscot.org\)](#)

As the theme this year is voices and let's talk about dementia we are asking staff to complete a [voice bubble template](#) with something they feel has gone well during the pandemic that has supported people with dementia in hospital. This can be printed at wards/departments and perhaps a collection can be put on notice boards and used as a picture opportunity as a collection and/or individually. It would be good to see some completed by patients and relatives too – share your pics on twitter #DementiaAwareness and tag @NHSGGC.

Learning Sessions - Sharing Our Voice - #DementiaAwareness

To mark this week we are also holding a series of learning sessions presented by Alzheimer Scotland National Dementia Nurse Consultants throughout the week, bringing you subjects including “What's special about championing people living with dementia” and “Understanding distressed behaviour in hospital”. [Click here to join the sessions](#). All sessions are interactive and suitable for recording in participatory CPD learning.

Brexit – all you need to know

In the last of our current messages on Brexit, we are providing information on other things which may have an impact if you are thinking about travelling out with the UK.

Passports

You should have at least 6 months left on your UK passport, or you may not be able to travel. The new rules do not apply when travelling to Ireland. More information: [Check a passport for travel to Europe](#)

Health/insurance

Before you travel, make sure you have a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) or UK Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC), or travel insurance with health cover. If you have an EHIC it will still be valid while it remains in date. Remember, travel insurance protects you for much more than healthcare, so it is always best to have cover before you leave. More information: [Check if you need a free Global Health Insurance Card \(GHIC\)](#)

Your pet

If your pet or assistance dog does not have the proper documents, you will not be able to take it with you. Contact your vet at least one month before travelling to make sure your pet or assistance dog is able to travel to the EU.

Mobile phones

Check whether your mobile phone company has changed its mobile roaming charges before travelling to the EU. You may be charged for using your mobile device within the EU if your operator has reintroduced roaming charges. More information: [Visit Europe](#)

Driving

Check if you need an International Driving Permit before you drive in the EU.

Put a GB sticker on the back of your vehicle if it's registered in the UK, even if your number plate already shows GB with a Euro symbol. More information: [Driving in the EU](#).

Travel times

Check for disruption to your journey before you travel between the UK and the EU – border checks may take longer. If you do not allow enough time, you could miss your flight, train or ferry. More information: [Visit Europe](#)

For more information about travelling in Europe after Brexit, visit: [Visit Europe](#)

If you have a query about Brexit, tell us and we'll do our best to answer it. Email:

NHSGGC.Brexit@ggc.scot.nhs.uk, with the subject of your inquiry in the subject field (eg 'Foreign business trips' or 'Delivery delays').

For further information, visit: [NHSGGC: HR Connect](#) or Government: www.gov.uk for health and wellbeing advice.

Rapid education programme ensures high-quality critical care during second wave

A special training programme designed by theatre teams which helped prepare staff redeployed into critical care during the second wave has been made a permanent feature within NHSGGC pandemic planning. The programme, which was created by a team of perioperative charge nurses in response to the first wave, helped ensure those redeployed from other services during the second wave received the right support and training to ensure a smooth and rapid transition into critical care, which can pose a number of different technical and mental challenges for staff.

Upwards of 55 perioperative staff from QEUH, Gartnavel and New Victoria ACH completed the training before the second wave.

Staff found the training hugely beneficial and following the programme's positive impact, it has been rolled out across NHSGGC's south sector to be used in the event of significant future waves of COVID-19 or if there are other requirements to rapidly scale up critical care units.

Biochemistry, Diagnostics Directorate message - Training for Freestyle Glucose & Ketone meters

To improve the governance of training for blood glucose and ketone meters, NHSGGC now requires new and expired users to pass the appropriate LearnPro modules in addition to completion of the Training Checklist. This will take effect from 1 June 2021.

The modules are:

- GGC: 210 FS Precision Pro – Glucose
- GGC: 211 FS Precision Pro – Ketones (For authorised areas only)

Once a LearnPro certificate is obtained, please ask the local cascade trainer to witness you performing a sample. The cascade trainer can then send a completed training checklist and copy of the LearnPro certificate to the appropriate Biochemistry department, who will then issue a POC barcode. [Click here to link](#) to the training checklists on StaffNet.

Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at: 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: staff.covid19@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

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

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