

Core brief

Daily update

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Visiting update

From Monday 26 April 2021, every patient in Scotland (where possible) will be able to have at least one visitor to enable family support while they are in hospital. Universal lateral flow testing will also now be available for anyone in Scotland from April 26.

Alongside face coverings, distancing and hand hygiene, voluntary lateral flow testing can be an important part of a multi-layer approach to protecting patients, staff and visitors.

When family members arrange to visit, voluntary testing should be strongly recommended as a valuable way to promote safety.

Information (from 26 April) on how to order Lateral Flow Tests is on the [Scottish Government's website](#) or tests can be collected from COVID testing centres in the afternoon or early evening.

If family visitors wish to be tested over the weekend in preparation for visiting on Monday 26 April, information on the asymptomatic test facilities across NHSGGC can be found [here](#).

It is important to note that Lateral Flow Testing for visitors is **not** mandatory and wards are not able to insist that visitors undergo a test before visiting. Not wishing or not being able to test will not be an obstacle to a visit. This forms part of a suite of measures to mitigate the risk of COVID 19 transmission.

As such, it is very important that visitors to hospital sites are reminded of other measures in place including hand hygiene, face coverings, and physical distancing.

Your support to share the above information with family members chosen to be the patient's nominated visitor will be welcomed as we all become more familiar with this new development.

A toolkit to support areas implement this change is currently being updated and will be widely distributed.

Message from Health and Safety: Social Distancing Risk Assessment – Returning Sheilders

Please ensure the Social Distancing risk assessment for your area has been reviewed if you have staff returning to the workplace from the 26th April, 2021. The purpose of the review is to ensure that 2m Social Distancing can be maintained in work areas, rest areas and changing facilities, if there will be an increased volume of staff within your area from this date. If 2m Social Distancing cannot be maintained suitable control measures will be required to protect staff.

Please ensure all staff have visibility of the risk assessment for their area of work.

Information relation to Social Distancing can be found [here](#).

And finally...

An innovative cancer treatment overseen by GRI consultant Ashish Mahendra has featured on one of the UK's most popular podcasts, 'There's No Such thing as a Fish', which is a fact based panel debate from the researchers behind UK hit TV show, QI.

The unique treatment which peaked the interest of the researchers involved a piece of cancerous shinbone being removed from a patient during an operation at the Jubilee, before being transported to the Beatson in a secure container where it received radiation treatment. It was then then sent back to the Jubilee, brought back to life and re-inserted into the patient's leg, who remained on the operating table throughout. You can read the original story on the NHSGGC [website](#), and you can listen to the podcast [here](#).

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

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