

Core brief

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Message from the Prince of Wales

HRH The Prince of Wales has sent a message to staff across health and social care for their continued contribution to dealing with the pandemic.

To watch, please click [here](#).



Technology-led patient care scoops awards

Congratulations to the West of Scotland Innovation Hub which has been presented with two of Holyrood Connect's Digital Health & Care Awards.

The COVID-19 Response Award was given to the vCreate Video Service Team which has helped to keep patients and their loved ones connected throughout the past year.



vCreate's Clinical Video Service has also transformed care by allowing video consultations to be conducted remotely, keeping patients and staff safe in the face of COVID-19.

The team also picked up the Technology Enabled Independent Living Award which was awarded to DYNAMIC, a new service for patients with lung-related disease called chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

The digital innovation allows for patients to manage symptoms at home with data being collected for clinicians to analyse.

The project aims to predict flare-ups or episodes of poor health. Patients require fewer trips to hospital and clinicians are provided with more information about the patient's condition.

Well done to everyone involved in these innovative services.

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Glasgow led study shows more Scottish patients surviving potentially fatal bleeds

Great strides have been made across Scotland in the treatment of upper GI (gastrointestinal) bleeding with Glasgow Royal Infirmary at the forefront.

A study led by specialists at GRI and Glasgow University, has reported more patients in Scotland are surviving serious upper gastrointestinal bleeds.

The study, published in *Alimentary Pharmacology & Therapeutics*, reported that the mortality of almost 130,000 patients who were admitted to Scottish hospitals with this common medical emergency fell from 10.1% to 7.9% over a fifteen-year period.

Professor Adrian Stanley, Consultant Gastroenterologist and senior author of the study, said: "Despite the rising average age of Scottish patients presenting with upper GI bleeding over this 15-year period, mortality fell by 22% over the same time.

"We believe there are a number of reasons why more people are surviving compared to 15 years ago. These include research and developments in optimal resuscitation techniques and blood transfusion strategies, early access to endoscopy to treat active bleeding, and the use of intravenous medication to reduce stomach acid.

"There was also a significant reduction over the study period in the length of hospital stay for patients, from 3.9 to 2.1 days. This is good news for patients, as most would rather recuperate at home when it is safe to do so."

Thanks and well done to the team!

Infection Prevention and Control during the Covid-19 Pandemic

Staff are invited to attend a free webinar on Infection Prevention and Control during the Covid-19 Pandemic - Supporting, Valuing and Listening to Health and Social Care Workers, which has been developed by NES, ARHAI Scotland and the Scottish Government.

The webinar will give staff the opportunity to put any concerns and questions to a panel of clinical experts and frontline staff. They will provide the latest information on infection prevention and control measures and the scientific base that underpins them. We will share intelligence on the routes of transmission, including the new variants of Covid-19, and will highlight how different interventions prevent transmission.

The webinars will last for 90 mins: 45 mins presentations / 45 mins Q&A session with a panel of experts and you can choose from the following dates:

- Tuesday 09 March 2021, 1.30pm - 3:00pm
- Wednesday 17 March 2021, 10:00am - 11:30am

To take part in the webinar please register at the following link:

<https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/28079/coronavirus-covid-19/protecting-yourself-and-your-workplace-environment#webinars>



Social Distancing – Remember to adhere to Maximum Occupancy

As part of the social distancing control measures in place, the maximum occupancy of rooms and offices should be displayed on the doors. Please check the occupancy limits on entry and do not breach the maximum number.

Information relation to Social Distancing can be found [here](#). If you have any ideas to improve Social Distancing practice, please share with your line manager and email here: SDCommsGroup@ggc.scot.nhs.uk



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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