Message From The Staffbank

Firstly can we continue to thank you for your support during this pandemic. We are in an unprecedented situation, and all of you are paramount in helping us to keep delivering services at this critical time.

Many of you are selecting additional shifts to help shore up gaps in areas that are under pressure, and your efforts are not going unnoticed, for which we are very grateful. We wanted to clarify some regular enquiries we have been getting:

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

Due to the increase of patients now being admitted with COVID-19, all staff working in our hospitals will be required to provide nursing care to patients with a diagnosis of the COVID-19 virus which will include bank staff. For the majority of patients it is a Fluid Repellent Surgical Mask (FRSM)with PPE which should be worn.

Only patients who are having aerosol generating procedures (AGPs) require nursing staff to wear the FFP3 mask and require fit face testing for this. For further information please click on this link <https://www.nhsggc.org.uk/your-health/health-issues/covid-19-coronavirus/for-nhsggc-staff> and read the up-dated information from Infection control.

In addition, we would ask that you continue to follow strict hygiene control.

**Payment for Sickness Absence During Self Isolation (Bank Only Workers)**

You will have heard a lot of new terminology, such as self-isolating and social distancing. If you are a Bank only worker, and are required to self-isolate (please see FAQs for more details) we will make arrangements to pay you for pre-booked shifts. These will be paid up to a maximum of 2 weeks, and up to 37.5 hours.

**Underlying Health Issues and Pregnant Workers**

Guidance on whether you can work with an underlying health condition or pregnant is available through our [FAQs](https://www.nhsggc.org.uk/media/259336/covid-19-staff-faqs.doc).

In some cases you may have to follow social distancing measures more strictly, however, if you need any clarification please contact the Bank team and we will assist.

**Statutory Sick Pay**

If you are sick, subject to meeting the qualifying criteria you may also be entitled to statutory sick pay for the days that you are unwell (SSP). You should arrange to notify the Bank team on 0141 278 2555 and we will advise Payroll accordingly.

Further information on COVID-19, can also be found on our dedicated website - [COVID-19](https://www.nhsggc.org.uk/your-health/health-issues/covid-19-coronavirus/), which is updated regularly.

We appreciate that these are unsettling times and information is changing all of the time, however, if you are unsure or wish to speak to someone, please contact us.

Best wishes and thank you,