

Core brief

Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive
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I am sure like me, many of you will have had mixed feelings this week. The sun has shone and we have been able to see friends and family for the first time in a long while. However, these positive feelings have no doubt been mixed with some worries over the possible implications of this increased freedom.

There is no better time to thank a team that has been at the forefront of keeping us, and our patients, safe from the very beginning of this pandemic.

Based at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, the Infectious Diseases team has been at the heart of our COVID-19 response, including the care of patients from other Boards at the outset of the pandemic.

Their expertise has been invaluable in assisting with our understanding of the virus, as fresh learning emerged on what seemed like a daily basis. Such is their reputation, a number of these Consultants have been part of the National Clinical Cell, which meets regularly to assist in steering the country's pandemic response.

As well as caring directly for patients and sharing knowledge, this hard-working team has also been involved in a number of COVID-19 research trials which are a key element of the future approach to this situation.

I want to thank you for your tireless dedication to your patients and colleagues.

Well done.