**Daily COVID-19 update**
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**Virtual Person Centred Visiting**

We know that colleagues have been using their initiative and have been appealing for iPads and mobile phones to let patients and family keep in touch during this time of very restricted visiting.

We are now launching a scheme as part of our Person Centred Visiting programme to increase virtual visiting through the purchase of 100 iPads, complete with FaceTime, Skype and Zoom.

The iPads will be distributed to all acute and mental health hospitals this week.

This development means there is now no need for staff to make any more public appeals for devices.

For more information, please contact virtual.visit@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

**Research and Development update**

R&D have set-up a COVID-19 Taskforce Group chaired by R&D Director Julie Brittenden. We currently have clinical trials and research data collaborations underway.

The aim is to ensure that NHSGGC patients and clinicians have:

1) access to the best possible experimental treatments and that this will lead to improved knowledge and availability of drugs that are proven to work to the wider population
2) increase our understanding of COVID-19 to help improve patient care and public health policy
3) increase knowledge of the genetic "make up" of the virus, so we can get better ways to detect, prevent and treat COVID-19.

More information on how COVID-19 clinical trials and research data collaborations will be prioritised can be found here: https://www.nhsggc.org.uk/about-us/professional-support-sites/research-development/

All communications from clinical staff and clinical academic staff with respect to requests for COVID-19 trials and/or research data should be sent to: RandDRecruitment@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

If you have queries on active studies, please contact the team via the Clinical Research Facilities: QEUH & RAH on: 0141 232 7600 and GRI: 0141 211 6800.

For studies involving drugs, Clinical Trials Pharmacy can be contacted at QEUH CRF: 0141 232 4066, QEUH Main Pharmacy: 0141 452 2974,GRI: 0141 211 1188, or R&D Pharmacy at: 0141 314 4018.

**New access measures in place across NHSGGC sites**

In light of the current situation, some changes are being made to the way staff and the public access sites across NHSGGC. This action is being taken as part of our commitment to comply with social distancing and further safeguard staff, patients and others who have a genuine requirement to access our sites and associated buildings.

All access/egress information regarding specific sites can be found online here: https://www.nhsggc.org.uk/your-health/health-issues/covid-19-coronavirus/for-nhsggc-staff/additional-security-measures-on-ggc-sites/

This page will be updated as and when new measures are implemented and corresponding messages for the public are also being communicated.

**Car parking**

We have made it easier to park on our sites by temporarily relaxing parking restrictions. Unfortunately due to the lifting of restrictions, drivers are parking in areas which need to be kept clear for essential deliveries.

This is causing problems with critical supplies including oxygen. If this continues it may be necessary to reintroduce monitored parking including having cars towed away if they are inappropriately parked. Please help us ensure that essential supplies are getting into our hospitals by parking sensibly.

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.