

## Message from Professor John Brown, CBE (1 December 2023, 1pm)

As my term of office comes to an end, I have spent the week meeting staff to say farewell and to thank them for all they continue to do for our patients. Getting out and about to meet staff was a key highlight throughout my time as Chair, something I did regularly before the pandemic restricted face to face meetings. It was therefore a priority for me in my last week to visit as many staff as possible to say thank you. Of course, it wasn't possible to see everyone and so I wanted to send this message to you all today.

To serve as Chair over the past eight years has been a real privilege. I have seen the NHS at its absolute best and through some of its most challenging times. The magnificent response to the pandemic from the whole organisation showed true dedication and resilience and even on the most difficult days I know that you all continued to do your utmost for our patients.

Many NHSGGC staff have also made a positive impact beyond our local boundaries and I have been very proud to play a part in supporting the global citizen programme. I want to pay tribute to the colleagues who have volunteered to help others sharing their expertise, knowledge and skills to benefit partners abroad.

In closing, I want to thank you all for your professionalism, hard work and dedication over the past eight years and to wish you all the very best for the future.

Professor John Brown CBE

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