

Core Brief



Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive (1 December 2023, 10.30am)

This week we said farewell to our Chair, Professor John Brown CBE, as he completed his second term of office and welcomed our new Chair, Dr Lesley Thomson KC. Over the past eight years, Professor Brown led the Board through a number of important developments and milestones, including the approval of the Board's long term clinical strategy, Moving Forward Together, the construction and delivery of new, state-of-the-art community health and care facilities and the organisation's response to a global pandemic. As we know, the Chair also led the Board through some challenging times here in NHSGGC. Throughout these times, he was committed to doing the right thing for our patients and our staff. As we welcome our new Chair we will, rightly, continue to maintain this focus.

As colleagues are aware, over the past three weeks, a number of our premises have been surveyed for Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC). I am very pleased to report that all sites thought to be at risk have now been surveyed and this has confirmed no RAAC to be present. I want to thank colleagues in Estates and Facilities who have worked hard to support the national survey over the past few weeks.

Winter is well and truly upon us, however there is still time for colleagues to get their autumn/winter flu and Covid vaccinations. Additional clinics are being arranged by the vaccination team to make it as easy as possible for you to get vaccinated and information is being published regularly on the locations and times of the clinics. Please keep an eye out for details over the coming weeks and if you are eligible, then I would urge you to get vaccinated.

I would like to congratulate colleagues within our estates engineering team who have successfully achieved a Bachelor of Engineering in Building Services. Well done to Gary Nicholson (Partnerships), Raymond Cracknell (GRI), Martin Gallacher (GGH), Scott Macer (GRI), Graeme Hendry (GGH), Conner Stepney (QEUH) and Stuart McCready (IRH), who all graduated at a ceremony this week at Glasgow Caledonian University. My thanks also go to colleagues who have supported our graduates to complete their degree and progress through their career development pathway.

The 2023 Scottish Healthcare Awards took place on Wednesday night and our pharmacy service had much to celebrate on the night. Congratulations to the

QEUH critical care team who were awarded Hospital Pharmacy Team of the year. Also recognised and shortlisted were the Pharmacy Distribution Centre team and the West of Scotland Cancer Centre Pharmacy Services Team. Well done too to the Glasgow City HSCP south team shortlisted for their work on the management of substance dependency. Fantastic and deserved recognition for our pharmacy professionals.

My congratulations also go to consultant plastic surgeon, Professor Steven Lo, and his team who have been recognised at an awards ceremony at Number 10 Downing Street. Steven and colleagues were nominated by Sarcoma UK for their work on improving function for patients after sarcoma surgery, using muscle and nerve transfers, to allow them to walk better and get back to everyday tasks like shopping. Glasgow is now one of the leading centres in the world for this type of function restoring surgery. Well done to the Canniesburn team on your deserved recognition.

On the subject of awards, I am pleased to advise that nominations are now open for the 2024 NHSGGC Excellence Awards. The awards are an important way for us to recognise and celebrate colleagues whose service is of a particularly high standard.

You can nominate any member or team of staff that you feel have made a difference to their patients or colleagues or improved our ways of working. The form and details of the seven categories can be found on our website at: www.nhsggc.scot/excellenceawards. The awards ceremony will take place in May 2024. Good luck everyone!

You may have seen in Core Brief last week that we have launched a survey to hear your views on the new Staffnet Hub. It's really important that, as we continue to develop the intranet, we take into account your feedback to ensure that our intranet is easily accessible and includes all the right information for you. Your opinion counts so please take the time to fill in the survey. To complete the [very short survey](#) click here.

Finally, this week's feedback highlights the care given to a patient admitted to the Royal Alexandra Hospital. "Our mum was admitted on in late October via AMU and then transferred to Ward 8 in the RAH where she stayed until early November. We just wanted to thank each and every member of staff who helped look after her. She was having trouble breathing as she was overloaded with fluid as she has aortic stenosis/pulmonary fibrosis and is 93 years old. She was given IV furosemide which really helped. She had her birthday while there and the ward staff in ward 8 gave her a cake and all sang happy birthday to her, she was delighted, as were we. She was treated with dignity and respect throughout her stay until she was well enough to be discharged. The staff were all friendly and professional and a credit to the NHS." My thanks go also to the team for your compassion and excellent care for this patient.

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