

Core brief

**Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive
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I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our fantastic peer immunisers for their tremendous work delivering the flu vaccination to staff on our hospital wards. Since the beginning of October, over 700 vaccines have been administered to staff by these team members.



Thank you as well to the staff who have received their vaccination so far. For those who have yet to get their flu vaccine, please [visit here](#) to book a vaccination clinic. If the clinic you wish to book is fully booked on a particular day, you have the option to try another location that might suit you. Our peer vaccinators will also remain on hospital wards until the end of December 2024.

This afternoon, I had the pleasure of attending the West Dunbartonshire HSCP Staff Awards. The awards honour and celebrate the hard work and achievements of inspirational local staff across HSCP services. Well done to all the nominees, and a huge congratulations to the winners: West Dunbartonshire HSCP's Mental Health Officers were awarded Team of the Year, while nurse Gioia Sichi-Smith from the Alcohol and Drugs Recovery Service won the overall Employee of the Year award. Business Support Supervisor, Joyce Habbo was recognised as Leader of the Year, while the MSK Project Team received Innovation of the Year. Finally, Physiotherapist Allison Graham was honoured as Volunteer of the Year.



On Wednesday, I met with the Scottish Information Commissioner alongside our Freedom of Information (FOI) team as part of our commitment to the FOI process. We were able to report positive progress, noting substantial improvements in FOI response times across the organisation. My thanks go to the FOI team for their hard work in driving this progress and for embedding the principles around FOIs of openness and accountability across NHSGGC.

Finally, my thanks to the staff on Ward 6C at Gartnavel General Hospital for the wonderful care provided to this patient and their families and demonstrating the impact compassionate and person-centred care can have:

“Very reassured by the caring attitude shown towards my elderly Aunt whilst in Ward 6C, Gartnavel General. Recently celebrated her 80th birthday with lots of cake and plenty of visitors. We were allowed to use a recreation room to have the party. Staff were very helpful, and I am sure enjoyed some treats as well.

“My Aunt became very tired towards the end, and the staff helped her to bed, treating her as if she was one of their own relatives. I work in the NHS myself and know that the caring side is not often witnessed by family members. Please pass on my gratitude.”

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