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New Blood Glucose & Ketone Monitoring System to be introduced across NHS GGC

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde will begin implementing a new Blood Glucose and Ketone Monitoring Agreement from **September 2026**, introducing updated monitoring technology across clinical areas to support patient care and enhance the user experience for staff.

The agreement includes the rollout of the **Cobas Pulse Blood Glucose Meter** and the **Apexbio Ketosure Ketone Meter**. These devices offer a range of benefits including improved usability, faster testing processes and enhanced functionality for clinical teams.

The Cobas Pulse Blood Glucose Meter features an ergonomic design, responsive touchscreen, automatic strip lot recognition, easy sample application and no known test interferences. The Apexbio Ketosure Ketone Meter provides a simple and efficient method of ketone testing, with an 8-second read time, small sample volume requirement and the ability to undertake simultaneous glucose and ketone testing using separate devices.

Implementation activity will commence in September, with a phased programme of training and deployment across NHS GGC sites. Training sessions are expected to take no longer than 45 minutes and further communications will be issued to affected clinical teams, including local implementation schedules and training arrangements.

The introduction of this agreement represents a significant investment in point-of-care testing technology and will support safe, effective and efficient monitoring of patients requiring blood glucose and ketone testing across NHS GGC.

Further information: Additional implementation guidance, training materials and site-specific rollout plans will be shared with services ahead of their scheduled deployment dates.

Cobas Pulse Blood Glucose Meter



- Ergonomic design – fits easily into the hand
- Bright responsive touch screen
- Automatic strip lot recognition
- Easy sample application
- No test interferences

Apexbio Ketosure Ketone Meter



- Easy to use
- Separate meter allows for simultaneous testing
- Test strips in pots of 50
- 8 second read time
- Small sample volume

Training – 45 mins (Max)

Coming soon ! Look out for the training poster

William Cullen Prize

The William Cullen Prize is back this year for a clinician or team of clinicians who have made a significant contribution to local service innovation or teaching.

If you are a clinician and have made a significant contribution to service innovation, it's time to get your entry submitted for this prestigious prize.

As in previous years, the teaching prize will be selected from the top performers from our own recognition awards for medical teaching, based on performance in the national trainee and student surveys.

The winners of each prize will receive a framed print of a William Cullen letter, which will be selected from the Royal College's archive.

So don't delay, get your entries in now, simply complete the online application form, visit: www.nhsggc.scot/williamcullen.

The closing is Friday 28 August 2026.

NHSGGC International Medical Graduate Induction - 21 August 2026

NHSGGC Medical Education is hosting the first of their twice yearly International Medical Graduate (IMG) Induction Days on 21 August 2026 8.30am – 4.00pm.

All new NHSGGC IMGs should attend this mandatory event.



Email Martine.Blake2@nhs.scot to request a place. Please notify your department of your intent to join us.

The Induction Day is a full day event and will be held:

**Room L0-007
Teaching and Learning Centre
Queen Elizabeth University Hospital
1345 Govan Road
Glasgow
G51 4TF**

You can view the programme for the day [here](#).

We look forward to meeting you and working with you. If you have any questions, please contact: Martine.Blake2@nhs.scot

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Ask yourself
Do I need to go out?
For information on treating minor illnesses and injuries from home, go to NHS inform or download the NHS 24 App.

B
Be aware
There is help on your doorstep.
Your local GP, pharmacy, dental practice and optician offer a range of services.

C
Call 111
If it's urgent, or you're unsure, call NHS 24 on 111. They'll get you the care you need.

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