

# Core brief

## Daily update

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### Message from Dr Margaret McGuire, Board Nurse Director

Board Nurse Director, Dr Margaret McGuire recognises the contribution of nursing and midwifery staff at this time especially when increasing pressures are placed upon the service. There will be many challenges to face for all, but especially those who are newly qualified and embarking on their career.

Moving forward, it is important to support all nurses and midwives, recognising structured support is necessary. Our Nurse Director discusses some of the support options available in these challenging times, including the Flying Start programme for newly qualified nurses and midwives. [Click here to watch the video from Dr Margaret McGuire.](#)



### Guidance on DATIX Reporting – COVID-19

During the current COVID-19 pandemic staff are encouraged to continue to report incidents and near misses via the DATIX reporting system.

<http://www.staffnet.ggc.scot.nhs.uk/Applications/DATIX/Pages/default.aspx>

To report an event that relates to COVID-19, please select category **Infection Control**. There is a specific COVID choice within the sub-category box

As with current practice on DATIX, where a reviewer has the view that an incident may be RIDDOR reportable they must select Yes in the drop down selection box on the DiF2 form.

This will then be brought to the attention of the Health and Safety Service, who will review the DATIX and determine if the criteria for a RIDDOR report has been met. Where it has, the Health and Safety Service will be responsible for making the report to HSE.

Further guidance can be found [here](#).

### **Scottish Health Awards winner – Stuart Watson**

Stuart Watson, Clinical Director for plastic surgery at GRI, was among the healing heroes celebrated at the Scottish Health Awards. Stuart picked up the Global Citizenship Award for working with colleagues in Ghana and Malawi to improve Burns and Plastics services in those countries for 18 years.



Stuart's work has mainly centred on training of local health professionals to develop sustainable health care, and on infrastructure development and burn prevention.

Involvement of NHSGGC staff in these countries has seen huge progress in the Burns/Plastic Unit in Accra, Ghana, so that it is now a leading Burns/Plastics centre for the whole of West Africa. NHSGGC staff have also been instrumental in developing a sustainable Multidisciplinary Burn team in Blantyre, Malawi, and in a programme of burn prevention there.

Stuart emphasises the huge contribution of hundreds of NHSGGC staff who have: Helped with these projects over the last 18 years by visiting these countries to run courses for nurses, surgeons, anaesthetists and therapists; Contributed generously to fundraising and sourcing of equipment; Built relationships with African colleagues in their own disciplines to provide ongoing support and professional development; Trained overseas professionals in Glasgow.

Other key international activities since travel became impossible have been in establishing regular Canniesburn Webinars which reach an international audience of healthcare professionals from more than 60 countries and a Burn Surgery WhatsApp group which has a similar reach. Adam Gilmour has worked selflessly to develop the Webinars which have maintained and developed training links during challenging times.

Stuart is extremely grateful to NHSGGC for help in supporting staff to be involved in these activities, and in acting as a partner in gaining grants of more than £220,000.

### **NHSGGC's Energy Team lighting the way to a greener future**

Reducing our energy use is one way we can all help to achieve net zero. In the last financial year, NHSGGC used 129 million kilowatt hours (kWh) of grid electricity alone. To put that figure into context, that is the same greenhouse gas emissions as almost 20,000 passenger cars driven for a whole year.

NHSGGC's Energy Team are flicking the switch to more sustainable options through investing over £1 million in LED lights and smart controls in 2021/22 alone, much of which will be supported by funding from the Scottish Government's Green Public Sector Estate Decarbonisation Scheme. The majority of this investment has been focused on our older sites such as RAH, GRI, GGH and Dykebar. LEDs require less power than older style lights and therefore save on both electricity and carbon emissions. By integrating smart controls, we can realise additional savings by turning off or dimming the lights when they are not required.

The planned retrofitting of LEDs across three of our sites (GRI, RAH and Dykebar) will result in an annual saving of 1.5 million kilowatt hours and 316 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

Craig McGregor, Energy Manager, looks forward to realising additional energy saving initiatives across the NHSGGC estate: “We’re also making significant investments on various building energy management systems (BEMS) both on our acute sites and health centres/clinics. These upgrades will allow us to control our heating and ventilation systems more effectively, allowing them to operate more efficiently and consume less energy”.

Allan Lamb, Energy Manager, said: “With Glasgow welcoming COP26 this year, there is no better time to invest in reducing our energy consumption. This not only saves money, but helps us reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions whilst meeting our sustainability objectives and ensuring the future is bright for NHSGGC.”

For further information on all things energy related, please contact our energy team on [ggc.energyteam@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:ggc.energyteam@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)

### **Webinar series on management of frail older adults**

These webinars are aimed at GPs and Community Practitioners but they will be useful for many clinicians in both primary and secondary care – all are welcome!

They are jointly run by Primary and Secondary Care Doctors: Dr Jude Marshall, Dr Kirsty Killeen and Dr Lesley Anderton.

The next webinar is:

- Management of Urological conditions for the older adult, with Ms Seaward & Dr Guerrero
- Monday 22 November
- 19.30-20.30 with time for Q&A

To register, please visit:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErduiqpz4rGdet7uLjSQDXsS9tGY5gBNA3>

The recorded webinar will be shared with everyone who has registered so that you can watch at an alternative time if required.

### **Act now ahead of COP26 disruption**

The COP26 Climate Conference continues until 12 November. Anyone travelling in Glasgow must now plan ahead to ensure reaching their destination in time. Roads in and around the SEC remain closed and there may be unscheduled protests which block roads and may cause disruption.

Staff FAQs are available at: [NHSGGC: COP26 Climate Conference](#).

Remember to carry your staff ID with you at all times to access your own facility and any others you have to attend.

For up to date info on COP26 and impacts on the city, visit: [www.getreadyglasgow.com](http://www.getreadyglasgow.com)

## Social distancing is everyone's responsibility

Don't encroach on your colleagues' desk area,  
maintain social distancing when talking



Do it, encourage it. Don't spread the virus at work or home

Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at: [www.nhsggc.org.uk/covid19](http://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: [HR.Support@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:HR.Support@ggc.scot.nhs.uk).

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