

Core brief

Daily update
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World Mental Health Day

Every year, the world comes together on 10 October for World Mental Health Day to promote positive mental health, raise awareness of mental health difficulties, and tackle stigma.

This year, World Mental Health Day comes at a time when all of our lives have changed dramatically. The coronavirus pandemic has had a real impact on the mental health and wellbeing for many of us, and greater investment in mental health has never been so important.

To celebrate World Mental Health Day we are promoting our Peer Support Level 2 Training Dates.

NHSGGC Peer Support for staff offers a range of tools and techniques to support wellbeing for individuals and teams. Staff can attend information sessions to find out more about becoming a Peer Supporter, Peer Supporter training dates and online learning for everyone.

Peer Supporter Training:

The next series of one day training dates for colleagues wishing to become a Peer Supporter are available as follows, booking is essential as places are limited per course:



Date	Time	Venue	Trainer Name	Booking
25/10/22	9.30-4.30	Training Room 6, Stobhill ACH	Emma Selby and Margi Amin	Click here to book
17/11/22	9.30-4.30	Classroom 3, RAH	Heather Connolly and Margi Amin	Click here to book
05/12/22	9.30-4.30	Training Rooms 4&5, Stobhill ACH	Esther Murray and Emma Selby	Click here to book

Lateral Flow Device testing kits

As staff will be aware, the COVID testing requirement for staff, patients and service users who do not have symptoms of COVID-19 has been paused across NHS GGC. Vaccination and treatment effectiveness along with the roll out of the Autumn booster vaccination programme has reduced the risk of severe harm from the transmission of COVID-19.

We would like to remind staff that those who are working with patients and service users in face-to-face settings, who have symptoms of a respiratory infection, a high temperature or do not feel well enough to attend work, are advised to take an LFD test, as soon as they feel unwell and report the results to their line manager.

All other staff should follow the 'Stay at Home' guidance for the general population.

All staff can access LFD test kits which are available on wards, via your line manager and for staff in non-patient facing roles they can be ordered through PECOS.

New Porter Task Management System

A new Porter task management System from Sytematic is being introduced across NHS GGC. This replaces Porter Trac as the way to request patient movements, sample uplifts and more. Each porter will be assigned their own hand held device and the clinical team will use a portal to request jobs. These jobs will be picked up on the porters hand held devices wherever they are in the hospital. This allows consolidation of portering staff into one team increasing pool capacity during peak activity periods and provides greater flexibility within our portering staffing pool. It provides portering staff with safeguards and the ability to report delays in real time and to request assistance when required.

The system provides nursing/clinical staff with up-to-date progress of tasks requested and clarity on who is performing the task, when it has been started and when it's complete, rather than having to follow up. The system provides management with a complete overview of the site allowing intervention to ensure tasks are picked up and completed. In addition it provides accurate historical data that can be utilised to plan winter pressures in advance along with enhanced KPI (key performance indicators) reporting capabilities.

This intuitive and easy to use system is not limited to patient movement or sample uplift and in the future can be expanded to allow job requests for all the facilities services like domestics, linen, waste and more.

The RAH was the first site to implement the new task management system last August with Glasgow Royal Infirmary going live next on the 26 October 2022. The QEUH will follow in November, with Gartnavel and Inverclyde following in December and January.

Training sessions on how to use the new portal will commence on the today (10 October) for the GRI clinical teams with a link to the Teams sessions following in a site wide email. Further resources will be made available to support the clinical teams in getting the most out of the new system.

Health and Safety Face Fit Tester Training

Face Fit Testers (FFT) training dates for staff are now available on the 23 November and 14 December at Level 5 WGACH.

This training is aimed at existing FFT who are due for renewal (three years since last being trained) or staff identified to become the local FFT for their area. Places can be booked via eESS.

Additional dates are being identified for 2023 and will be communicated nearer the time. This can be book via eESS.

Upcoming Postal Disruption

Royal Mail have confirmed that there will be strike action taking place on the following dates: **Thursday 13 October, Thursday 20 October and Tuesday 25 October.**

While talks between Royal Mail and the Communication Workers Union (CWU) continue in an attempt to avert industrial action, NHSGGC staff are asked to send post items as early as possible in advance of the strike dates in order to minimise potential disruption.

If something isn't right, talk to us.



If you have concerns about issues affecting your working life, the quality of service we offer or the care provided to our patients, we're here to listen. There are a number of ways you can raise your concerns:

Management and Peer Support



- Managers and Leaders
- Confidential Contacts
- HR helpline
- Report via Datix

Health, Wellbeing and Spiritual Support



- Chaplaincy Service
- Occupational Health

Whistleblowing



- Formally raise a concern about an issue in the public interest.

For further information visit: www.nhsggc.scot/speakup



Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at: www.nhsggc.scot. If you have any questions about the current situation please check the FAQs first. If you have any further questions, please visit the [HR Self Service Portal](#).

Staff are reminded to make sure their [personal contact details are up to date on eESS](#).

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