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Core Brief

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Queen Elizabeth University Hospital: urgent action to improve patient flow



This week, colleagues from across the organisation and wider health and care system have been working closely together on the actions needed to support patient flow and capacity at the QEUH as we move into winter.

From next week, we will move into the delivery phase of the work at QEUH to improve patient flow with additional support for teams to identify and resolve barriers quickly.

This will bring different services and professions together around a clear shared focus on improving flow, reducing avoidable delays and supporting patients to move to the right care as quickly and safely as possible.

We will set out more detail next week on what this means in practice and we will keep colleagues informed as the work progresses. Please keep an eye on Core Brief for more information.

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde: Public Holidays 2027/28

2027	**NHS GREATER GLASGOW & CLYDE, RENFREWSHIRE HSCP & INVERCLYDE HSCP**
Good Friday	**26 March**
Easter Monday	**29 March**
May Day Monday	**3 May**
Autumn Monday	**27 September**
Christmas Day*	**27 December**
Boxing Day*	**28 December**

2028

New Year*	**3 January**
New Year's Day*	**4 January**

Additional Days for GP Practices only

2027	**NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde**	**Inverclyde HSCP**	**Renfrewshire HSCP**
May Monday	**31 May**	**31 May**	**31 May**
Fair Monday	**19 July**	**5 July**	**2 August**

As the Christmas and New Year holidays in 2027/28 fall on weekends, the public holidays will be observed on the following Mondays and Tuesdays, in accordance with Scottish Government Circular PCS(AFC)2026/4.

Launch of the NHS Scotland Hiring Managers Centre

The NHS Scotland Hiring Managers Centre is a new national resource designed to support hiring managers and colleagues involved in recruitment across NHS Scotland.

The Centre brings together practical recruitment guidance, national policies, templates, training and support materials in one accessible location. It has been developed to make recruitment easier to navigate, support confident decision-making and promote a fair, inclusive and consistent experience for candidates throughout the recruitment journey.

The resource is designed for everyone involved in recruitment, including hiring managers, recruiting officers, HR and workforce teams, service managers and operational leads. It provides guidance aligned to the NHS Scotland recruitment journey, alongside resources covering equality, diversity and inclusion, candidate support and best practice.

By improving access to clear and consistent information, the Centre aims to reduce duplication, support efficient recruitment practices and help ensure candidates have a positive experience before, during and after the recruitment process.

The Centre complements, rather than replaces, existing NHSGGC recruitment arrangements. Its national guidance aligns closely with our established local processes and responsibilities, including JobTrain guidance and the Once for Scotland approach. We have also updated our local resources so managers can access national guidance alongside relevant NHSGGC information.

Managers can access the resources at:

- NHS Scotland Hiring Managers Centre
- NHSGGC HR Connect

We encourage colleagues to explore the Centre and share it with anyone involved in recruitment.

Let's Talk Practice Education - ePAD

Thank you to all staff who have supported students over the past year in adapting to the new electronic Practice Assessment Document (ePAD).

The rollout of ePAD continues across NHSGGC, replacing paper practice assessment documentation with a digital record hosted on TURAS. This enables easier access, improved collaboration and more consistent documentation of student progress.

To support practice supervisors and practice assessors, the Practice Education Team continues to offer MS Teams drop-in training sessions. No booking is required; simply join a session that suits you.

For training dates, guidance and resources including new bitesize training videos, visit: Electronic Practice Assessment Document (ePAD) - NHSGGC

Please note: An active TURAS account is required to access ePAD.

Not used ePAD yet? We encourage all practice supervisors and practice assessors to familiarise themselves with the available resources and attend a drop-in session.

Band 5 nurses and midwives: could your everyday practice count towards university credit?



Applications are now open for the January 2027 cohort of the Evidencing your Work-Based Learning – Practitioner (EWBL-P) module, delivered in partnership with Glasgow Caledonian University.

EWBL-P offers Band 5 nurses and midwives an opportunity to gain 20 university credits (SCQF Level 9) by evidencing learning gained through everyday practice. The module focuses on making existing workplace learning visible, valued and academically recognised, rather than adding extra work. It supports professional confidence, reflective practice, appraisal, revalidation and career development, while remaining rooted in your own role and clinical area.

The programme is open to Band 5 nurses and midwives across all clinical areas within NHSGGC and is delivered over approximately six months through workplace learning, online support and two half-day study sessions. Funding is available for eligible applicants, subject to approval.

Applications close on 11 December 2026. Places are limited and allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Find out more and apply:
Visit the EWBL-P SharePoint site to access:

- Module information and what to expect
- Application and funding guidance
- Frequently asked questions
- Participant experiences and case studies
- Information for managers, supervisors and educators

For further information, please contact ggc.practicedevelopment.enquiries@nhs.scot.

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