

Core brief

**Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive
(13 June 2022, 6pm)**

I am pleased to inform you that the Scottish Government has announced that from today, NHSGGC will be de-escalated from Stage 4 to Stage 2 of the NHS Scotland Performance Escalation Framework for issues relating to the QEUH and RHC. This very welcome decision is due to the significant efforts of our staff to implement the recommendations from the various external reviews into these issues.

Despite the challenges faced throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, our staff have delivered all of the improvements identified. We have, over the past two and a half years, delivered on more than 100 recommendations that were made, which is a particularly significant achievement. I am particularly grateful to all of the staff working on the Schiehallion Ward at the RHC and our Infection Prevention and Control and Estates and Facilities teams. Your commitment to our young patients and their families as well as your colleagues has been particularly humbling and I am very grateful to you for all that you have achieved.

This level of support to our patients and their loved ones continues to be our top priority across all of our health and social care services and I remain committed to doing all I can to support our staff to deliver in this way.

From today, as we move to Stage 2 of the framework, we will work with the Scottish Government as we continue to provide high quality care to our patients. Today's important announcement would not have been possible without the hard work and support of our staff.

Thank you.