

# Core Brief



**Daily update**  
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## **Showcasing our staff**

As we continue to showcase our Excellence Award winners, today we feature the **Global Citizenship** winner – Dr Ceilidh Dunn.

Dr Dunn has visited Gambia twice to provide support to children with undiagnosed heart conditions. She help set up diagnostic services in paediatric cardiology in the Edward Francis Small Teaching Hospital in Banjul, and trained staff to use donated Echo machines. The hospital in Banjul has gone from having no diagnostic services in paediatric cardiology to now having four machines and trained staff.

[Click here](#) to watch a video about the teams and read about all the winners [here](#).

## **Help cut down on waste with reusable food and drink containers at QEUH**

On Thursday 13 June new reusable containers for food and drinks will be introduced in the staff canteens and Aroma cafes at the QEUH.

Use of reusable containers will not be compulsory and staff should not worry if they do not have a reusable cup or container.

However, across NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, food outlets currently give out 2.5 million disposable cups and containers every year, at a cost of £350,000 a year, and giving staff the opportunity to switch to reusable containers will help us all to reduce plastics waste, meet NHSGGC's sustainability targets on its journey towards net zero, and make significant financial savings.

Staff will be able to bring along a suitable container or reusable cup of their own, to be filled with the food or beverage of their choice.

Alternatively, high-quality containers will be available to buy at the QEUH first floor restaurant, ready for filling on the day and re-use the next time a customer orders food or drinks.

However, if you forget your cup or food container, please don't worry – you will still receive your food or drink in a traditional single-use container.

If you would like to know more about the move to reusable containers, or if you have a question about their introduction, we have put together some additional information below to help you. Alternatively, please send your query to [sustainability.team@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:sustainability.team@ggc.scot.nhs.uk) and we will do our best to help you.

For more information, visit [Staffnet](#).

## **Medical and Dental - Consultant Grade Discretionary Points**

The 2023/2024 Consultant Discretionary Points process is currently underway and Consultants eligible to apply in this round were sent invite letters via email on Friday 7 June 2024.

Consultants wishing to apply this year should note that the closing date for applications is Friday 19 July 2024 at 5pm.

If you wish to know more about this process please visit HR Connect using the following link: [NHSGGC Medical and Dental Policies](#)

## **Quality Strategy newsletter**

The eighth edition of the Quality Strategy newsletter is now available. This edition will focus on:

- Virtual Accelerated Design Follow-up Event
- International Advisory Group
- Quality Management System Self-Evaluation Tool Focus Groups
- Quality Strategy Timeline and Update

## Quality Strategy Newsletter



### NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Quality Strategy Newsletter

Welcome to Issue 8 of our newsletter for the Quality Strategy. If you missed our previous newsletters, you can find them here:

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#### **Active Staff spring walking challenge thanks**

Congratulations to all our colleagues that completed the four week spring challenge to convert over 40 different types of activities and track steps to exceed walking the distance of the world by over 225%.

We are pleased to report that staff from all directorates, job families and pay bands were represented across the final 997 participants. Indeed we even had two teams comprising Non-Executive Board Directors, wishing to highlight their commitment to Active Staff and the positive impact that walking has on the health and wellbeing of staff.

Thanks to all those that took part in the weekly competitions too, the entries were all of such a high standard. To ensure we continue to improve for our next challenge planned for autumn 2024, all those that participated will soon receive an evaluation form.

In the meantime we also have the [Active Staff Survey](#) open so please complete (whether you regularly attend or have never attended any events) and help shape the future of the programme.

# Be Phishing and Vishing Aware!



Phishing and Vishing are forms of social engineering, a technique used to gain access to private information, often via email. It can cause a huge amount of damage, disruption and distress. To help prevent social engineering attacks at NHSGGC and at home, **remember N.E.T.**

## **N**o Trust

Verify, via alternative means, the identity of those sending unexpected messages, even if the contacts are known to you.



## **E**ducate Yourself

Complete the Security and Threat module on LearnPro. Check online sources to see if emails, SMS messages or other forms of social engineering attacks are known or commonplace. Remember, **educating yourself can protect you** in both your work and personal life.



## **T**hink First

Successful attacks generally require a sense of urgency. Stop! Take a moment to reflect and investigate, this can show these attacks for what they are.



Managing technology and data safely and securely is everyone's responsibility throughout NHSGGC.  
For further information, visit: [FAQ---IT-Security-v0.2.pdf](#)

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

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