

# Core brief

## Daily update

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## NHSGGC Public Holidays 2024/25

The NHSGGC public holidays for 2024/25 have now been agreed by the Area Partnership Forum and are listed below:

<b>2024</b>	<b>NHS Greater Glasgow &amp; Clyde, Renfrewshire HSCP &amp; Inverclyde HSCP</b>
Good Friday	29 March
Easter Monday	1 April
May Day Monday	6 May
Autumn Monday	30 September
Christmas Day	25 December
Boxing Day	26 December
<b>2025</b>	
New Year	1 January
New Year	2 January

## Standardised Nil By Mouth Signage

There are identified differences in practice when identifying patients that are nil by mouth for any clinical reason within NHSGGC Acute Adult settings. This significantly increases the risk whereby a patient could be inadvertently given food or drink by staff or relatives that is not appropriate for their clinical need.



As a result, there will be a standardised Nil By Mouth signage implemented across all NHSGGC Acute clinical areas. Once a patient has been identified as being nil by mouth, this sign should be displayed at the patient's bedside and reviewed regularly. The sign should be removed once it no longer reflects the patient's needs. This sign does not replace Sip to Send signage and should be used accordingly.

A supply of these signs should be ordered for each clinical area from Medical Illustrations using code **347134**.

## Quality Strategy Annual Report

The [Quality Strategy Annual Report for 2022-2023](#) has now been published. The report provides an update on the progress pertaining to 'The Pursuit of Healthcare Excellence': Healthcare Quality Strategy (2019-2023)' over the past year, from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

As the current Strategy reaches the end of its lifecycle work is already underway to create a new, ambitious, and unifying strategic vision. Early scoping and national and international benchmarking has been undertaken. An Accelerated Design Event took place on 23 November 2023 to inform the creation of our strategy through engagement with colleagues from across the board as well as lived experience volunteers and students. More information will follow over the coming weeks.

## What Matters to You Day Annual Report

What Matters to You Day was held on Tuesday 6 June 2023. The Overarching aim for WMTY Day 2023 in NHSGGC was to promote the importance of having meaningful WMTY conversations every day – 'Small conversations every day create the biggest change in every way #WMTY23'.



The underlying principle; ask, listen, and do what matters, is intended to ensure the people delivering care understand what matters to the people receiving care. These conversations can support decisions about a person's health and care. When we engage with people about their health and care decisions, it can greatly improve outcomes.

The [WMTY Day 2023 Annual Report](#) summarises the events within NHSGGC leading up to WMTY day, on WMTY day and the days following. The report also contains reflections, learning and suggestions for improvements.



## Getting the right care this winter is as easy as ABC

<h3>A</h3> <h4>Ask yourself</h4> <p>Do I need to go out? For information on treating minor illnesses and injuries from home, go to <b>NHS inform</b> or download the <b>NHS 24 App</b>.</p>	<h3>B</h3> <h4>Be aware</h4> <p>There is help on your doorstep. Your local <b>GP, pharmacy</b> or <b>optician</b> offer a range of services.</p>	<h3>C</h3> <h4>Call 111</h4> <p>If it's urgent, or you're unsure, call <b>NHS 24</b> on <b>111</b>. They'll get you the care you need.</p>
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**Unless it's an emergency think ABC before visiting A&E.**  
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