

## Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive (16 August 2024, 11.30am)

This week, we hosted the First Minister, John Swinney MSP, alongside the local Clydebank MSP, Marie McNair, who visited a vaccination clinic for Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV). This is one of hundreds of clinics across the country helping ensure the public, and especially newborn babies, are protected against this serious virus, which results in a large number of hospital admissions every year. My thanks to our Director of Public Health, Dr Emilia Crighton, Public Health Service Manager, Bryan Forbes, and the rest of the local vaccination team at The Hub Community Centre in Clydebank for their hard work in organising this visit and in implementing this new national vaccine programme.



Yesterday, I had the pleasure of attending our annual Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Learning Event at the QEUH. Opened by NHSGGC Chair Dr Lesley Thomson KC, staff were able to hear about important ongoing work across the organisation to help foster a supportive and positive environment for all. The event was hugely insightful, and I'm sure the 300 attendees left, like me, inspired by the speakers and what we should all be striving for in creating a diverse, equal, and inclusive working environment for everyone. Our staff engagement team will be sharing resources from the event in the coming weeks, and I'd encourage you to review the information available when it's published.



Colleagues may be aware that the Scottish Hospitals Inquiry reconvenes next week. I understand the nature of the hearings might result in heightened levels of anxiety amongst patients and staff, and as such, I want to reassure you of the support available for those either involved in the Inquiry or impacted by its investigations. We have a dedicated webpage with information on the Inquiry, Witness Service support, and Occupational Health details <u>here</u>.

I would like to remind staff that there's still some time to enter Scotland's Health Awards 2024. Please ensure your nominations are submitted ahead of the deadline this Sunday. These awards are a fantastic way of recognising and celebrating the incredible work that goes on within NHSGGC at a national level. If you plan on entering, you can find the details <u>here</u>.

There's also still time to complete our Communications Audit survey for 2024 if you haven't already done so. The five-minute questionnaire provides a great opportunity to give feedback on your experiences of communications – what you appreciate most, and how we could communicate more effectively. The survey is available <u>here</u>.

Finally, I'd like to highlight some positive feedback for the staff at Lightburn Hospital regarding a patient's care. My thanks to the whole team:

"Early March 2024, my relative fell at home and required hospital treatment. He was admitted to A&E at the Royal Infirmary Glasgow. During his time at the Royal Infirmary, he was treated for a bleed on the brain, which resulted in a loss of

capacity, mobility, and functionality. He was transferred to Lightburn Hospital in late March 2024 and is due to be transferred to a care facility next week. During his stay at Lightburn Hospital, he continued to suffer periods of serious ill health. The staff at Lightburn were excellent in terms of managing his palliative care, and currently, he is stable enough to move on."

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