

Core brief

Daily update
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- Celebrating Success Event 2021
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We are delighted to be holding the virtual Celebrating Success 2021 event on 23 February at 7pm and hope to “see” you all there.

On the night we will announce the overall winners for each directorate and Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) Local Awards as well as announcing the NHSGGC’s prestigious Excellence Award winners.

Each year our individual directorates and partnerships give recognition to their own staff and teams through their Local Awards.

These awards represent a huge amount of effort by our staff to improve the care and services we deliver. There are 18 Local Awards in total which will be delivered to our staff and teams across all directorates and HSCPs and you can find out more detail about each one on our dedicated [web portal](#).

The Excellence Awards return once again with seven categories: Better Care; Better Health; Better Value; Better Workplace, Global Citizenship; Nursing and Volunteers.

Staff across the health board have been nominated for these awards by colleagues and patients for their hard work and dedication and in particular this year, their response to the COVID pandemic and the extraordinary resilience faced during these unprecedented challenges.

Over the coming days we will share in Core Brief a short introduction to those shortlisted in the seven categories, starting with Better Care today.

Community Assessment Centres/Testing

At the start of the pandemic, it became clear that those who became very ill with COVID need a place where they could be seen and assessed safely. Our Community Assessment Centres were created which was a significant project requiring input from the eHealth team.

eHealth responded to the needs of the service, working above and beyond to introduce new processes to book in COVID patients outwith hospital settings. The staff showed immense flexibility and team working to support the Board in its response to the pandemic.

Medical Equipment Management

The speed of the COVID pandemic meant the NHS had to react quickly to the challenges.

The Medical Equipment Management team did just that. They used their technical expertise to convert 163 anaesthetic machines within days so they could be used as ICU ventilators. This was repeated for infusion pumps, ultrasound scanners, renal dialysis equipment, blood pressure monitors and thermometers. In total they configured 4200 pieces of equipment needed for COVID patients.

Queen Elizabeth Frailty Team

The Queen Elizabeth Frailty Team aims to improve outcomes for older adults and reduce the time they need to spend in hospital.

This has been successful and they managed to increase the proportion of patients discharged in less than 48 hours.

They also used imaginative ways to make a hospital stay more comfortable and the environment better for patients – through artwork, memory boards, iPads. They even created a six metre frailty therapy walk along the river Clyde - with places that patients would recognise around Glasgow.

If you would like to join us in celebrating our extraordinary staff who are at the heart of our NHS, visit www.nhsggc.scot/celebratingsuccess to watch the awards ceremony from 7pm on Wednesday 23 February.

NHSGGC staff volunteers needed now

We are looking for NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde staff to volunteer to take part in a study looking at the use of a COVID-19 vaccine, which targets the Omicron variant.

The study, which is being run by Professor Emma Thomson at the Glasgow Clinical Research Facility, and is sponsored by University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust, is looking at the effectiveness of the vaccine when given as a fourth dose.

Professor Julie Britten, Director of Research and Innovation, said: "We would like to thank staff for participating in the NHSGGC vaccine trials and to ask any interested future participants if they would like to take part in this important study."

Those taking part in the study will be reimbursed up to £225 for your time, inconvenience and travel (depending on the number of visits needed). The study will take place up to eight months and is looking for suitable volunteers who:

- Are aged 30 years and above
- Received BNT162b2 (Pfizer) or mRNA-1273 (Moderna) as a third dose booster at least 3 months (84 days) ago
- Have not previously tested positive for COVID-19 on a PCR, lateral flow test, or saliva test.

If you are interested in finding out more, please visit our website:

<https://www.covboost.org.uk/home> where you can also complete the pre-screening questionnaire to see if you will be eligible.

If you would like any further information regarding the study, please contact us on:
Email covidresearch@ggc.scot.nhs.uk or Tel: 0141 232 7600.

Lateral Flow Tests - Available to all staff

Speak to your line manager about where to collect your test kit, then:



Register
your kit



Test
daily



Record
your results

Keep your colleagues and patients safe from COVID-19

Help stop the spread!

Visit: www.nhsggc.org.uk/lfd-stafftesting

Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at:
www.nhsggc.org.uk/covid19. If you have any questions about the current situation please check the FAQs first. If you have any further questions, please email: HR.Support@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.

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