

NHSGGC

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Senior leadership appointments at NHSGGC

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHSGGC) is pleased to announce two senior leadership changes: the appointment of Alan Wilson as Director of Estates and Facilities, and Professor Tom Steele moving into a new strategic role as Director of Strategic Infrastructure Planning and Delivery.

Alan Wilson - Director of Estates and Facilities

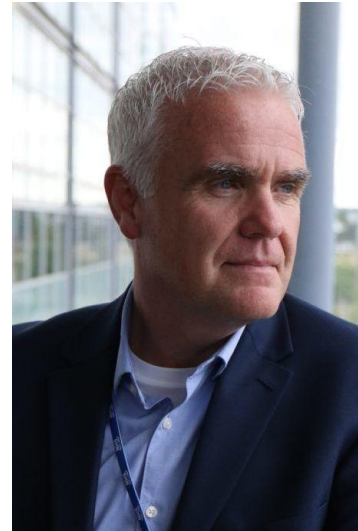
Alan Wilson joins NHSGGC on secondment from NHS Grampian, where he has been since January 2024. In his new role, Alan will provide strategic leadership across the Board's estates and facilities functions, supporting the delivery of high-quality, safe, and sustainable healthcare environments for patients, staff, and visitors across Greater Glasgow and Clyde.



Alan brings over 30 years of experience to the role. He previously worked for NHS Fife in a number of roles before moving to NHS Highland as Director of Estates, Facilities & Capital Planning. He then joined NHS Grampian in January 2024 as Director of Infrastructure, Sustainability & Support Services.

Professor Tom Steele - Director of Strategic Infrastructure Planning and Delivery

Professor Tom Steele, currently Director of Estates and Facilities, will take up the newly created role of Director of Strategic Infrastructure Planning and Delivery. The portfolio will include strategic infrastructure planning and project delivery to support the Board's service transformation programme. This cross-cutting role will work across our service and planning teams.



In addition, Professor Steele will continue to focus on legal, Inquiry and remediation matters relating to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital (QEUH) and Royal Hospital for Children (RHC).

Professor Jann Gardner, Chief Executive, NHSGGC, said: “We are delighted to welcome Alan Wilson to NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. Alan brings a wealth of experience and a strong track record from his time in the NHS, and I have no doubt he will make a real and lasting difference in this important leadership role. I would also like to pay tribute to Professor Tom Steele, whose commitment and expertise have been invaluable to our organisation. I look forward to working with both Alan and Tom as we continue to deliver the very best for our patients and communities.”

Two NHSGGC hospitals recognised among the UK's leading healthcare providers

Two NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde hospitals have once again been recognised in Newsweek's annual *World's Best Hospitals* league table, with Glasgow Royal Infirmary (GRI) and the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital (QEUH) both named among the UK's top hospitals.

Glasgow Royal Infirmary is ranked **15th in the UK**, making it the **highest-ranked hospital in Scotland**, while the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital is **ranked third in Scotland**.



Newsweek's *World's Best Hospitals* rankings recognise leading hospitals across 28 countries, drawing on a range of indicators including patient outcomes, quality of care, access to health services, research, innovation and overall consistency of performance. The rankings assess more than 2,000 hospitals worldwide, including specialist centres.

Neil McCallum, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's North Sector Director, which includes the GRI, said: "It is extremely positive to see Glasgow Royal Infirmary ranked among the very best hospitals in the UK and recognised as the highest-ranked hospital in Scotland.

"This recognition reflects the continued commitment, professionalism and dedication of our staff, who work tirelessly to deliver high-quality care for patients day in, day out.

"GRI is a hospital with a proud history, and this ranking reinforces its ongoing role as a leading centre for care, teaching and innovation."

Ann Traquair Smith, NHSGGC's Interim South Sector Director, which includes the QEUH, said: "The Queen Elizabeth University Hospital continues to play a critical role in providing complex and specialist care for patients from across Scotland and beyond.

"This recognition by Newsweek reflects the dedication of staff across the campus, who consistently deliver patient-centred care while contributing to world-leading research and innovation.

"I would like to thank everyone working at the QEUH for their continued commitment and professionalism. This ranking is a testament to their contribution to healthcare and something staff can rightly be proud of."

The full list of the UK and global rankings is available on the Newsweek website: [World's Best Hospitals 2026 | Statista Rankings](#)

Staff Parking Reminder – Restricted Areas

Parking at all our sites can be challenging and finding a space in time for the start of a shift can be frustrating. We would like to thank all our staff for their patience and consideration.

However, we would like to remind people that our sites are working healthcare environments, with emergency vehicles, pedestrians and public transport requiring access round the clock, and ask them to think twice before parking.

Parking in restricted areas causes delays and has a significant impact on staff, patients and visitors. Parking in ambulance bays and other emergency areas

restricts emergency access and has an impact on everyone accessing our services. To ensure safety and accessibility for everyone, please do not park in restricted areas at any time.

We encourage staff to car share where practical and possible. Car sharing can help you reduce your daily travel costs while helping to reduce CO2 emissions at the same time. More information on car sharing is available from [Staff Parking at NHSGGC - NHSGGC](#)

More information on the different initiatives available to make it cheaper, easier and more environmentally sustainable to travel to and from work, and between sites, is available from the [Travel Plan Office](#).



The NHSGGC Staff Bursary – 1 week to go

The 2026/2027 Staff Bursary only has **one week left** to accept applications and will close at 23:59pm on Sunday 26 April 2025 for new applications.

The NHSGGC Staff Bursary launch for 2026/ 2027 is made possible through the generous support of the NHSGGC Healthcare Charities Committee, who have awarded money to empower learning and development across all staff groups. This bursary reflects our shared commitment to creating opportunities for colleagues to grow, gain new qualifications, and enhance their professional journey - ultimately strengthening the services we deliver for the people of Greater Glasgow and Clyde. Whether advancing existing skills or taking a bold step into new areas of study, the bursary exists to support staff in achieving their ambitions and shaping the future of our Organisation.

The Bursary will cover Course fees only and does not cover cost of living, travel, accommodation or materials. Staff must discuss the proposed development with their line manager and ensure that this is recorded in their personal development plan.

All courses supported by the Staff Bursary must start between 1 August 2026 to 31 July 2027.

For more information visit the [Staff Bursary pages on HR Connect](#).

If you wish to be added to our mailing list to get a reminder nearer the live dates then please contact the Staff Bursary team at: staff.bursary@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

For any other bursary enquiries please contact the Learning and Education

team on: staff.bursary@ggc.scot.nhs.uk or LE Support 0141 278 2700 (option 3).

Public Protection Service – New Public Protection Training Sessions

April/June 2026



Training sessions will be delivered remotely via MS Teams and can be booked by accessing the online catalogue via eESS:

<https://eess.mhs.scot.nhs.uk>. Medical/General Practice staff who do not have an eESS account, please email: ggc.cpadmin@nhs.scot with the course name(s) / date(s) you wish to attend.

All participants will require access to a digital device e.g. laptop or phone to join the training session. An MS Teams link will be sent directly to you one week prior to the session.

Please ensure that your email address and contact details on eESS are up-to-date in order that the link can be sent.

Please note: If you require support to access or update your eESS account please contact the eESS team via the [HR Connect Portal](#) / tel. 0141 278 2700 (Option 5) or view the guidance on GGC-Staffnet Hub.

Child Protection Level 3 – “Your Roles & Responsibilities”

Monday 27 April 2026	1.30pm – 3.30pm
Thursday 7 May 2026	1.30pm – 3.30pm
Tuesday 12 May 2026	1.30pm – 3.30pm
Monday 1 June 2026	1.30pm – 3.30pm
Tuesday 9 June 2026	1.30pm – 3.30pm

Adult Support & Protection Level 3

Friday 1 May 2026	1.30pm – 3.30pm
Thursday 14 May 2026	1.30pm – 3.30pm
Tuesday 26 May 2026	1.30pm – 3.30pm
Tuesday 23 June 2026	1.30pm – 3.30pm
Monday 29 June 2026	1.30pm – 3.30pm

Remember, for all your latest news stories, visit the Staffnet Hub:
[GGC-Staffnet Hub - Home \(sharepoint.com\)](https://sharepoint.com)

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.

<p>No Trust Verify, via alternative means, the identity of those sending unexpected messages, even if the contacts are known to you.</p> 	<p>Educate 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.</p> 	<p>Think 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.</p> 
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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.

It is important to share Core Brief with colleagues who do not have access to a computer.
A full archive of printable PDFs are available on the [website](#)