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# Core Brief



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## **Nominations for the Excellence Awards 2026 are open**



The refreshed NHSGGC Excellence Awards feature a new range of categories designed to showcase the exceptional work taking place across our organisation every day - don't miss your chance to recognise outstanding colleagues and teams.

The awards recognise excellence in patient care, innovation, leadership, sustainability, staff wellbeing, volunteering and tackling health inequalities, creating more opportunities to celebrate the individuals, teams and initiatives making a real difference across NHSGGC.

The award categories are:

- **Chair's Award of Excellence** – Celebrating teams that deliver exceptional achievements, innovation and improvements for patients, communities and colleagues.
- **Chief Executive's Award of Excellence** – Recognising individual staff members who consistently demonstrate outstanding commitment, professionalism and impact.
- **Fairer Health Award** – Honouring work that helps reduce health inequalities and improves health and wellbeing across our communities and workforce.
- **Nursing and Midwifery Award** – Celebrating nurses and midwives who demonstrate excellence in care, leadership and service improvement.
- **Outstanding Care Award** – Recognising individuals and teams who go above and beyond to deliver exceptional care and improve patient outcomes.
- **Supporting Our People Award** – Highlighting initiatives and leadership that create a positive, inclusive and supportive workplace for staff.
- **Sustainability and Value Award** – Celebrating projects that improve efficiency, reduce waste and support sustainable, high-quality services.
- **Transforming through Technology Award** – Recognising innovative use of digital technology to enhance care, improve experiences and increase efficiency.

- **Volunteer Award** – Honouring volunteers, patient representatives and community contributors who make a lasting difference through their dedication and support.
- **People’s Choice Award** – Giving our communities the opportunity to recognise an individual, group or team whose contribution inspires others through a public vote.

If you know an individual or team whose dedication, innovation or compassion deserves recognition, now is the perfect time to submit a nomination.

More information about the award categories and the nomination process can be found on the [website](#).

The closing date for entries is Friday 17 July 2026.

We look forward to celebrating the incredible people and teams whose commitment helps make NHSGGC a great place to work and receive care at the Celebrating Success Event on 30 October 2026.

## National Healthcare Estates and Facilities Day

Today (17 June) we are celebrating National Healthcare Estates and Facilities Day, an opportunity to recognise and promote the vital work of our Estates and Facilities teams across all of our sites.

This awareness day highlights the dedication and expertise of colleagues who work behind the scenes every day to ensure our hospitals, services and workplaces remain safe, clean, efficient and welcoming for patients, visitors and staff.

To mark the occasion, our Director of Estates and Facilities, Alan Wilson, and our Interim Director of HR and Organisational Development have recorded special video messages to thank Estates and Facilities colleagues for their outstanding contribution and commitment.

Watch the videos below:



A huge thank you to all of our Estates and Facilities colleagues for the essential work you do every day. Your efforts make a real difference to the care we provide and the experience of everyone who uses our services.

Email your high-resolution photos to [ggc.socialmedia@nhs.scot](mailto:ggc.socialmedia@nhs.scot) and we will post them to our social media channels.

## HCSSA – Real Time Staffing and Risk Escalation QUIZ!

We're excited to invite you to take part in this short quiz designed to support awareness and understanding of Real Time Staffing & Risk Escalation, part of the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act (HCSSA).

Whether you're familiar with the topic or new to the process required, this is a great opportunity to test your knowledge. The quiz is interactive, should only take a few minutes to complete, and your input will identify areas for developing learning, and is open till Friday 10th of July.

Please take a moment to complete the quiz using the link below:

🔗 [Real Time Staffing & Risk Escalation – Fill in form](#)

If you have any questions, or if you would like to learn more about this topic, please visit our dedicated webpage for further information, guidance, and useful resources:

🔗 [Health and Care Staffing Scotland Act 2019 - NHSGGC](#)

Alternatively, you can get in touch with the team at: ✉️ [ggc.healthcare.staffing@nhs.scot](mailto:ggc.healthcare.staffing@nhs.scot)

Thank you for your time and for supporting continuous improvement across NHSGGC.

## Check if you're due a test this Cervical Screening Awareness Week

Cervical Screening Awareness Week 2026 runs from 15 to 21 June, promoting regular smear tests to prevent cervical cancer.

It is a quick test to check for the human papillomavirus (HPV) or changes in cervical cells and is available to women, and anyone with a cervix aged between 25 and 64.

NHSGGC Board Lead for Screening, Rosie McNee, said: "Cervical screening is one of the most effective ways to prevent cancer. Cervical Screening Awareness Week is an important reminder to put your own health first, and taking this small step and choosing to attend your screening appointment is a powerful way for you to prioritise your health and wellbeing.

"Remember, it's okay to ask questions about screening and find further information. [NHS Inform's Cervical Screening page](#) is a great resource to find out more about the test, what to expect at your appointment, and what your test results mean."

This week, we encourage staff who are due, or overdue, a cervical screening test to contact their GP practice to arrange an appointment.

More information on cervical screening can be found on the [NHS Inform website](#).

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**Sexual Harassment -  
Cut It Out**



If you need help or support, visit: [www.nhsggc.scot/sexualharassment](http://www.nhsggc.scot/sexualharassment)

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