

Daily update
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Festive Pay Dates

As we're approaching that time of year, this is to give advance notification of the earlier pay dates over the Christmas period to allow you to plan ahead.

Monthly Pays
This year, in order to accommodate staff being paid their December salary before Christmas, it has also been necessary to change the normal pay date for January 2027, with the pay dates now being:

Month	Change	Period Between Pays	Pay Date
December 2026	Forward 8 days	3 weeks 6 days	Wednesday 23 December 2026
January 2027	Forward 1 day	5 weeks	Wednesday 27 January 2027
February 2027	None	4 weeks 1 day	Thursday 25 February 2027

Weekly Pays
In keeping with previous years, all substantive staff will receive three weeks' pay on **Friday 18 December 2026.**

The first pay in January will be on **Friday 8 January 2027.**

Revised timetables will apply during this period to allow bank staff to be paid for finalised shifts on **18 December 2026, 24 December 2026 and 31 December 2026.**

Further communications will be issued nearer the time detailing the revised timetables to support these arrangements.

Staff in Receipt of Income Related Benefits
In keeping previous years, and also HMRC guidance for staff in receipt of income related benefits such as Universal Credit or Carers Allowance, the following will be notified to HMRC:

- For monthly paid staff – the standard monthly pay dates for December and January, rather than the earlier “physical” pay dates.
- For weekly paid staff – two weeks holiday pay for Week 37.

Staff who have money worries can access our 'All About Money' webpage: All About Money - NHSGGC, and staff can also access our financial inclusion partner services for holistic advice on any forms of financial assistance to which they may be entitled, including any social security benefits, grants, help with home energy costs, etc.

The most appropriate financial inclusion service provider for your local area can be located using the NHSGGC Health and Wellbeing Directory and selecting 'Money Advice' from this list of topics and filtering by geographical area: Public Health Service Directory - Home (nhsggc.org.uk)



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Teamwork and innovation in action at the RAH



NHSGGC Chair Dr Lesley Thomson KC joined Non-Executive Board Members Cath Cooney, Dianne Foy and Jamie Kinlochan for a visit to the Royal Alexandra Hospital, where they met staff working together to improve patient flow and help people get the right care in the right place.

The visit showcased innovative approaches across the RAH and community services that are helping reduce delays, support earlier discharge, and improve the patient experience.

Read the full story to find out more about the teams and services they visited.

Malnutrition Awareness Week 16 - 22 November 2026

Malnutrition is a common but serious condition that affects millions of people in the UK, which can occur when your diet does not contain the right amount of nutrients.

Malnutrition Awareness Week is an opportunity for all healthcare professionals to focus and learn more on how we can provide the best nutritional care to our patients.

Challenges and Solutions Tuesday
Share the challenges you face in identifying and managing malnutrition and delivering good nutritional care in your area. What practical solutions can you think of to improve nutritional care. Share your thoughts by filling out this form: Malnutrition Awareness Week 2026: Challenges and Solutions – Fill in form



Come and meet the FFN Practice Development Team!
Visit our Malnutrition Awareness Week stand at Gartnavel Royal Hospital Hub from 11.00am – 1.00pm.

- Come along to share the challenges you face in providing nutritional care and discuss practical ideas for improvement.
- Explore resources to support good nutritional care.

Road Safety Week - don't get distracted: the dangers of using your phone behind the wheel



As part of Road Safety Week, we'll be sharing an article each day focusing on a different theme to help keep you, your family, and others safe on the roads. Today's theme is **distraction.**

Did you know, according to Transport Scotland, police recorded 'failure to look' or 'distraction' as a cause in almost one-third of fatal road traffic collisions? As vehicle technology develops, the opportunities to be distracted whilst driving are increasing.

Top statistics

- 75% of motorists regularly observe other drivers distracted by their phones, however most drivers would not admit doing this themselves
- You are four times more likely to be involved in a road traffic collision when you are distracted by your phone
- Using hands-free technology actually carries the same risk level as using your phone behind the wheel. When driving, turn your phone to silent and put it out of sight.

You can read the full article on Staffnet, and look out for more articles coming out this week.

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



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