

NHSGGC

Core Brief



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Waste Management: Recent incident and compliance performance

A recent blockage in specialist machinery at the clinical waste treatment facility was caused by a heavy metal item originating from NHSGGC. This facility provides clinical waste treatment for all Health Boards in Scotland and issues such as this cause delays in waste treatment and collections, which in turn can impact clinical services.

Large metal items or batteries in orange bags can cause damage and/or fire at the treatment facility which endangers treatment plant staff and may lead to financial penalties and reputational damage to NHSGGC.

The photo below shows the piece of metal retrieved which was identified as the bottom of a drip stand.



NHSGGC have also received multiple non-conformances notices for incomplete labelling.

Staff must ensure waste is correctly segregated, every clinical waste bag carries a

completed tracer label, and all sharps' box labels are fully filled out. If metal items cannot be decontaminated, then place in yellow bag or yellow rigid.

If unsure, please contact your local facilities team.

I got my flu jag because... Colleagues share their stories as part of Staff Vaccination Fortnight

As [Staff Vaccination Fortnight](#) continues, we caught up with staff at our first round of drop-in clinics to see why they got their jag.

Colleagues gave a range of reasons including:

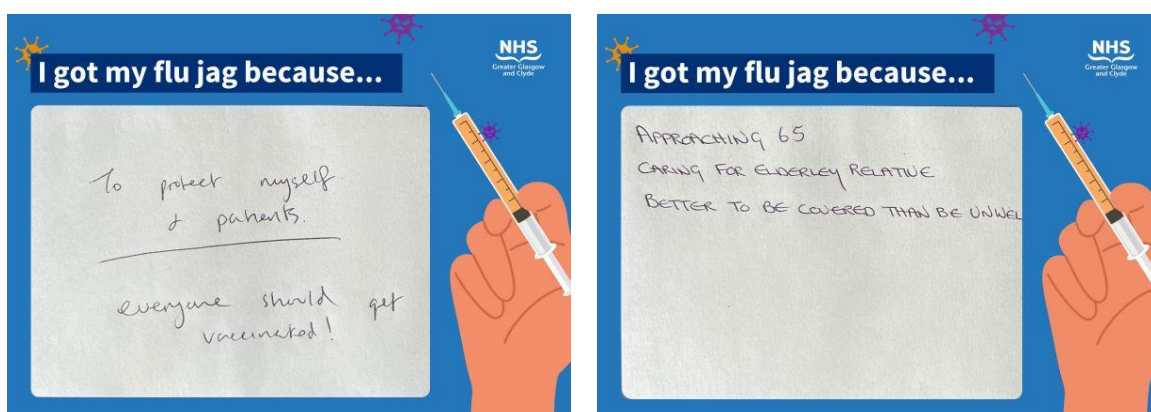
- Protecting loved ones
- Caring for elderly relatives
- Ensuring they don't pass flu onto patients
- Having asthma and chronic illness themselves
- To stop them from getting ill over Christmas

The full article can be found [on Staffnet](#).

Whatever your reason, make sure you [drop in to one of our clinics](#) and get your vaccination before we hit flu season.

If you'd like to share why you got your flu jag and display it in your department, you can find a print-ready version of the 'I got my flu jag because...' signs in [our digital toolkit](#).

Find the drop-in clinic that suits you on [the NHSGGC website](#).



Train to become a Medical Mentor!

Medical Mentoring Course: Dates: Thursday 19 November, Friday 20 November and Friday 11 December 2026

Overview

Over three-days, the Medical Mentoring course will provide participants with the necessary knowledge and skills to become effective mentors. Mentors help their colleagues deal with dilemmas, challenges and opportunities to help them move forward in a way which suits the individual.

Learning outcomes:

- To understand what mentoring is, what it isn't, and how it can help your colleagues
- To develop the skills and techniques required to mentor successfully, using Egan's 'The Skilled Helper' model as a framework
- To establish an understanding of good practice when undertaking mentoring.

Who is this course for?

This course is suitable for Consultants, SAS and Senior Trainees within NHSGGC. Following successful completion of the course, participants are encouraged to continue developing their mentoring skills by joining the GGC Medical Mentoring Network. The network will link you with prospective mentees and provide ongoing support, training and governance, having achieved the Scottish Mentoring Network Quality Standard.

Attending the course

This event is a three-day in person course, hosted at 'The Studio' in Glasgow City Centre. There will be a mix of presentations, demonstrations, discussion and skills practice. There will be a fee of £200 for the three-day course. Detailed programme and invoice to follow after enrolment.

To secure your place on the course, or for any questions or more information, please email: ggc.medicalmentoring@nhs.scot.

Smoke-Free app

Looking for help to stop smoking but don't have time to attend groups?

NHSGGC's Quit Your Way team can help with free access to the premium level of the official Smoke-Free app.

Get round the clock support and free nicotine replacement products or Varenicline to give you the best chance of quitting.



Our Quit Your Way team has a limited number of premium licences left so call 0800 916 8858 and our Community or Pharmacy teams will get you started.

M8 roadworks – Hillington Interchange

Amey, on behalf of Transport Scotland, is undertaking works on the M8 at Junction 26 (Hillington Interchange) from Monday 21 September until Thursday 24 September 2026 between the hours of 22:00 and 06:00 each night.

This work will require closures of the M8 carriageway in both directions at Junction 26 (Westbound 21st, Westbound and Eastbound 22nd and Eastbound 23rd), including the on and off slips. Signed diversions will be in operation. More information is available from [Amey](https://www.amey.co.uk).

Remember, for all your latest news stories, visit the Staffnet Hub:

[GGC-Staffnet Hub - Home \(sharepoint.com\)](https://sharepoint.com)



Fighting Flu. It starts with you!

The flu vaccine is available to **all** frontline health and social care workers and **all** NHS staff.



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Staff are reminded to make sure their [personal contact details are up to date on eESS](#).

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