

core brief

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Celebrating the Unsung Heroes of Healthcare

Today, on National Estates and Facilities Day, we proudly celebrate the incredible contributions of our Estates and Facilities teams across NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

Our colleagues in Estates and Facilities work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep our hospitals, health centres, and community facilities running smoothly, safely, and efficiently. Whether it's maintaining critical infrastructure, ensuring clean and welcoming environments, managing waste, delivering meals, or transporting patients and supplies — their work is vital to the delivery of safe, high-quality care.

National Estates and Facilities Day is a chance to:

- recognise the essential role these teams play in patient care and staff wellbeing
- celebrate the dedication, professionalism, and teamwork that define their work
- say thank you to the individuals who keep our NHS running — often without the spotlight they deserve.

Why not take a moment today to thank a colleague in Estates and Facilities and help us celebrate by taking part in the activities taking place across the board.



Speak Up survey

We are committed to continuously improving our processes and creating a better work environment for everyone. To achieve this, we need your valuable feedback. We have created a short "Speak Up" survey to gather your thoughts and suggestions on how we can enhance our processes.

Please take a moment to share your feedback by [Speak Up: Your Voice Matters](#). Your responses will be kept confidential and will be used to make meaningful improvements.

Beatson cancer nurse awarded MBE in King's Birthday Honours

A cancer nurse who became a pioneer of her profession has been awarded an MBE in the King's Birthday Honours List.

Dr Cathy Hutchison, a Consultant Nurse at the Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre, has been made a Member of the Order of the British Empire.

She received the recognition after becoming the first Consultant Nurse for cancer in Scotland, and went on to become the country's first Doctor of Nursing.



Cathy was named on the Honours List, which recognises people who have made achievements in public life and or committed themselves to serving and helping the UK, for her services to cancer nursing.

Professor Angela Wallace, Executive Director of Nursing, said: “I am so pleased that Cathy’s incredible dedication to cancer nursing has been recognised in this way. She has been a true pioneer of her profession, becoming Scotland’s first Consultant Nurse for cancer and Doctor of Nursing, and has worked across research, care and treatment for almost four decades.

“I’d like to congratulate and thank Cathy for the amazing support she has shown, and continues to show, to patients with cancer, their families, and her colleagues throughout her impressive career.”

Public Protection Service: New Learning and Education Training sessions

July – September 2025 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 Staffnet.

Child Protection Level 3 ‘Your Roles and Responsibilities’

Wednesday 23 July 2025	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 21 August 2025	2.00pm – 4.00pm

Adult Support and Protection Level 3

Tuesday 8 July 2025	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 20 August 2025	2.00pm – 4.00pm

Management of alcohol withdrawal in acute hospitals: updated guidance (2025)

Management of alcohol withdrawal in acute hospitals guidance (including GMAWS) launched on 30 May 2025 and all general acute medical and nursing staff should take note of this update.

The revised GMAWS guidance supports clinicians in decision making and prescribing to effectively manage Alcohol Withdrawal Syndrome (AWS). Main changes to be aware of are FAST score to assess for alcohol use disorder threshold has been reduced to 5 or more indicating possible alcohol dependency and Pabrinex guidance has changed to 'Vitamin B&C solution' for intravenous thiamine replacement which is able to be prescribed on HEPMA.

The Acute Addiction Liaison Nurses will be running GMAWS refresher briefings in June/July so look out for dates, all staff are welcome to attend. The liaison nurse team will also be happy to go over these changes with you on the ward.

The updated guidance is available on the [GGC Clinical Decisions Platform](#).

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



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