

Core brief

Daily update
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It's Occupational Therapy Week (1-7 November) and this year we are celebrating the diverse nature of this allied health profession and the impact Occupational Therapists have across the life span and all sectors of Health and Social Care. Samantha Flower, NHSGGC Occupational Therapy Mental Health Advisor (Older Adults) & Care Group Lead Occupational Therapist, [tells us about the breadth of the service](#) and the role Occupational Therapists play in helping people of all ages overcome the effects of disability caused by illness, ageing or accident so that they can carry out everyday tasks or occupations and live as happy and healthy a life as possible.

This Occupational Therapy Week, the Royal College of Occupational Therapy (RCOT) launch the new health equity campaign, "As a profession, occupational therapists are on the frontline of health equity and are uniquely placed to understand and tackle the challenges people face. Occupational therapists see health inequalities every day, supporting and helping those most in need".

To find out more and to keep up to date on the campaign go to [Occupational Therapy Week 2021: #OTsForEquity - RCOT](#) or follow on Social Media **#OTsForEquity**

Join in on Social Media and remember to tag @NHSGGC @theRCOT and @NHSGGCOTS



Staff Disability Forum

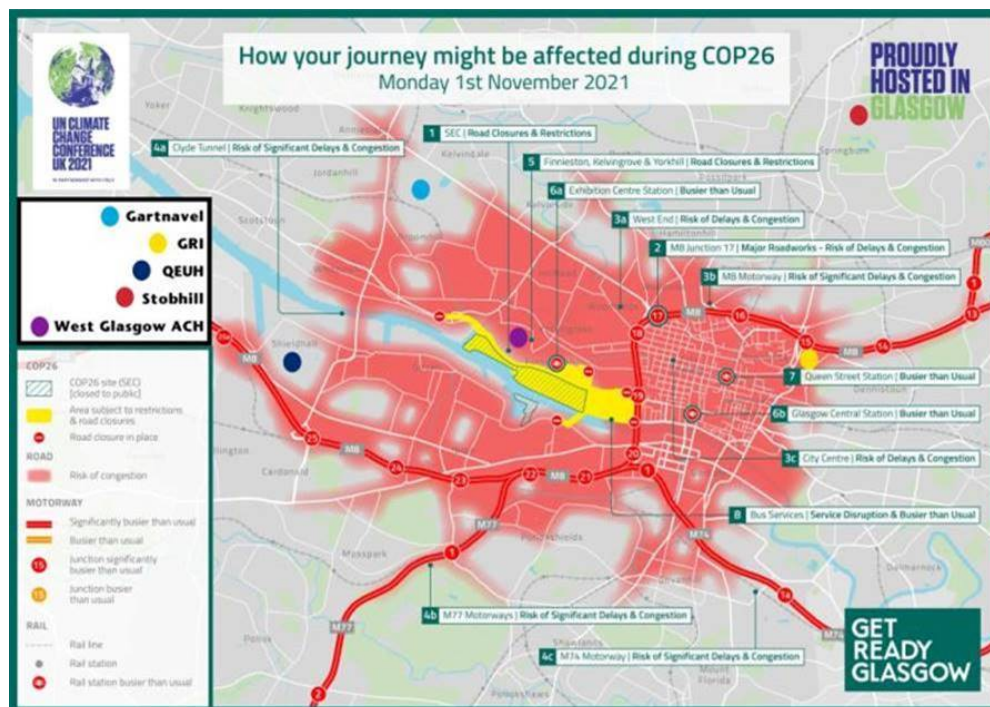
The Staff Disability Forum will meet on the 17 November between 1.00pm and 2.30pm via Microsoft Teams. All staff interested are welcome to attend. [Click here to join the meeting.](#)

The Staff Disability Forum exists to provide a support network for staff and to facilitate positive changes in the organisation. Staff engagement and feedback is vital for the organisation to work together. The Staff Disability Forum was set up in 2015.

If you would like to know more about this Forum, please contact Kate Ocker, Chair kate.ocker@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

Act now ahead of COP26 disruption

As part of COP26, the United Nations welcomes people making their voice heard and there are scheduled protests on Friday 5th and Saturday 6th November. Up to 100,000 people could take part on the Climate March on Saturday from Kelvingrove Park to Glasgow Green through the city centre. The anticipated, city-wide [congestion map](#) is highlighted below:



Please remember if you are intending to take part in any activism, then please be aware of the Board's advice with regard to personal conduct outwith work and personal use of social media. You can find our policies here:

<https://www.nhsggc.org.uk/media/244806/code-of-conduct-for-staff-october-2017.pdf>

<https://www.nhsggc.org.uk/working-with-us/hr-connect/policies-and-staff-governance/policies/personal-use-of-social-media/>

Disruption is expected to continue until mid-November. Watch this video that details some of the expected impacts of COP26 and how you can get ahead: [\(77\) NHSGGC Staff - UN Climate Change Conference \(COP26\) Travel Information - YouTube](#)

Have you checked the staff FAQs? A number of questions which services and staff may have in relation to NHSGGC operations and how they might be impacted by COP26 have been produced. These are available at: [NHSGGC: COP26 Climate Conference.](#)

Remember to carry your staff ID with you at all times to access your own facility and any others you have to attend.

Staff may wish to note, the access roads for the Clyde tunnel may be further congested tomorrow (Wednesday 3 November) afternoon as the Walter Smith funeral cortege is due to pass Ibrox at 3.15pm.

You can keep up to date on all COP26 arrangements by visiting: www.getreadyglasgow.com

For a useful round-up on COP26 disruptions on the BBC website, visit: [COP26: How are road closures affecting Glasgow? - BBC News](https://www.bbc.com/news/health-57484444)

OP26 arrives at Gartnavel

Gartnavel Hospitals are highlighting the impact of air pollution on health during COP26, by hosting an awareness raising art installation.

The Pollution Pods, which are now open to staff and the public, were created by artist Michael Pinsky, and safely and accurately recreate the air quality, smell and temperature of five different locations on three continents: London, Beijing, São Paulo, New Delhi and Tautra, a remote peninsula in Norway.

Jackie Sands, Arts and Health Improvement Senior, said: “This is such a great example of an artist engaging with the global climate emergency. Using an art installation to explain what is happening in environments around the world and gives people the opportunity to actually engage with how our senses and health are impacted by higher levels of pollution.

“Art should encourage people to question, act and engage and this project does just that. We’re very pleased to be able to house the Pollution Pods at Gartnavel Hospitals during COP26.”

[Click here for more information.](#)



Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at: www.nhsggc.org.uk/covid19. If you have any questions about the current situation please check the FAQs first. If you have any further questions, please email: HR.Support@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.

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

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