

Daily update (20 August 2020, 4.30pm)

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Health and Safety update

The Health and Safety Forum was held during the first week of August 2020 with representation from across NHSGGC. A number of topics relevant to your health and safety were discussed with some key highlights for note being:

Social Distancing and Risk Assessment

The forum reviewed progress against the implementation of the Guidance on Social Distancing document and resultant risk assessment process across NHSGGC. It was recognised that a significant volume of work had been completed with over 1000 risk assessments generated to date.

The Boards priorities remain in line with Government advice for COVID-19 which requires employers to work through the following principles in order:

- If you are able to perform your job from home you should do this
 - Where working from home is not practicable, local managers in conjunction with staff should make every reasonable effort to comply with the 2 metre social distancing guidelines
- Where the social distancing guidelines cannot be implemented in full, consideration must be given as to whether that activity needs to continue for the service to operate, and if so, an appropriate risk assessment should be in place with specified control measures
- Strict hygiene measures must be adhered to.

The focus is now on the implementation phase and progression of the control measures identified within the risk assessments.

Health and Safety training

Health and Safety training formed part of the Forum discussions particularly in relation to sharps and falls training, and moving and handling competency assessments.

It is important that all NHSGGC employees complete the health and safety training that is required of their role.

Please ensure your Health and Safety training is up to date in order to protect yourself, your colleagues, patients and visitors across NHSGGC.

Fire Safety

NHSGGC remains committed to ensuring a safe and secure environment for our patients, visitors and staff. As such, fire safety remains a key priority for the Board. Fire safety is everyone's responsibility.

We all have a legal duty of care that begins with every member of staff completing the appropriate fire safety training for their role. This ensures that they are familiar with fire procedures to be followed in the event of fire alarm activation, and are familiar with the contents of the NHSGGC Fire Safety Policy. https://nhs.learnprouk.com

Test and Protect updates

We have created a section on our COVID-19 web pages to provide host daily updates which state the schools in the NHSGGC area that have reported a confirmed case of COVID-19. You can access these updates at <u>www.nhsggc.org.uk/testandprotectupdates</u>

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

Staff are reminded to make sure their personal contact details are up to date on eESS.



It's important to maintain the social distancing rule. Respect personal space and keep 2 metres apart.

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