

Core brief

**Christmas message from NHSGGC Chairman, Professor John Brown CBE
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As 2022 draws to a close, I wanted to reflect on the challenges that have been faced by our staff and local communities over the last 12 months and celebrate the successes of our teams, who have delivered a monumental amount despite the pressure on our health and social care services. I also would like to send a message of thanks to all NHSGGC staff and those of you working as part of our HSCP teams. Much has been achieved in the past year and I am hugely grateful for your individual contributions.



As we entered 2022, we did so very much still under the cloud of COVID-19, having spent another Christmas living with restrictions in place. I am pleased that for the first time since 2019, we are in a position where we can commence the festive period in the knowledge that we can come together with our loved ones in whichever way we wish to. A significant reason for that is due to the hard work and dedication of our teams who have continued to treat and support patients and their families, deliver our hugely successful vaccination programme and continue to provide patient centred care right across NHSGGC.

The past 12 months have not been plain sailing. We still face significant issues, including the delayed discharge of patients, pressure on our EDs, the continued remobilisation of our services and upscaling of elective surgery. While we will not solve these issues overnight, I am confident that we will make progress next year. The resilience of our teams, the dedication of our staff and our collective commitment to supporting one another, will, as ever, be our driving force and together we will continue to provide patient centred care to all.

Finally, I hope that for all of our staff who are able to take a well-deserved break over the next couple of weeks, you can enjoy some very well deserved time with friends and family. To those of you who will be working in the coming days, thank you for all you will be doing to provide essential care to our patients, residents and service users.

On behalf of the NHSGGC Board, thank you and the very best wishes for the festive season and New Year ahead.

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