

Core brief

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Minister for Public and Women's Health visits NHSGGC services

As part of a wider tour of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde this week, Jenni Minto, Minister for Public Health and Women's Health, visited two services making a significant impact on patient care.

This included NHSGGC's Sandyford Sexual Health Services, and the Office for Rare Conditions, a non-profit in partnership with the Royal Hospital for Children Glasgow and funded by Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity.



MSP Jenni Minto, NHSGGC Board Chair Dr Lesley Thomson KC, and Director of Women's and Children's Services Jamie Redfern with colleagues from the Office for Rare Conditions

At the Office for Rare Conditions, Ms Minto learned about the vital support provided to children and families navigating rare or undiagnosed conditions. With 1 in 17 people in Scotland affected by a rare condition at some point in their lives, the office plays a crucial role in connecting patients, families, and healthcare professionals. Supported by Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity, the University of Glasgow, and NHSGGC, the office offers a unique network of

care, research, and advocacy. Dr Martina Rodie, Clinical Lead, shared the office's journey since its inception and highlighted the valuable contributions of its Patient Advisory Group, Patient Navigator, and local support initiatives.



MSP Jenni Minto, Director of Public Health Dr Emilia Crighton and Vice Chair David Gould, with colleagues from the Sandyford

At Sandyford, Ms Minto met with staff who shared insights into the evolving and diverse needs of their patients. The team emphasised their agile approach to sexual health service delivery, treatments, and care, often supporting patients from a wide range of backgrounds. A key highlight was the introduction of the Meningococcal B vaccination, now offered at the clinic to help protect against Gonorrhoea sexually transmitted infection. This vaccination is currently available to gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (GBMSM) at highest risk of infection.

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