

## Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive (21 June 2024, 12.15pm)

Across NHSGGC, we are dedicated to safeguarding the wellbeing of every member of our workforce, which includes tackling the serious issue of sexual harassment. This week, our Chair, Dr Lesley Thomson KC, and I launched our "Cut It Out" programme, encouraging staff members who have experienced or witnessed sexual harassment, or any other form of harassment, to speak up and report it. This is a very important issue and I would urge you all to take the time to read the resources that have been produced to equip everyone to recognise harassment and respond effectively.

I would like to congratulate our staff who have been recognised in this year's King's Birthday Honours List for their services to the NHS. Antoinette Parr, General Manager of Medical Illustration and Clinical Physics, and Anna Toland, Team Leader of the Older People's Primary Care Service at Glasgow City HSCP, were awarded MBEs. Senior Charge Nurse Angela Thomson of Ward 10 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital was awarded a British Empire Medal. Additionally, Kenneth Muir, a Beatson fundraiser, was also awarded an MBE for his efforts in supporting the charity. Well done to everyone who has been recognised, which is a real testament to your dedication and commitment to health and social care services.

This week also saw National Estates and Facilities Day, and I think I speak on behalf of all staff in thanking all our Estates and Facilities teams for your hard work and professionalism. You provide a crucial service throughout NHSGGC, supporting the delivery of patient care and maintaining and improving our working environments. While the work you do may often go on behind the scenes, our services simply couldn't run without you. Earlier this week Director, Tom Steele, <u>highlighted just a few of the recent impressive achievements</u> of the Directorate. Well done and thank you all.

My thanks also go to the staff who welcomed the Audit and Risk Committee when they visited Leverndale Hospital on Tuesday. Board members were able to hear from staff and understand some of the different approaches to care being delivered at the facility, which plays a key role in the provision of inpatient care to a range of patients with often complex health requirements. Nominations are now open for Scotland's Health Awards 2024. The awards recognise staff in health and social care who go above and beyond to deliver high-quality, compassionate care to the people of Scotland. If you wish to nominate a colleague or colleagues who you believe demonstrate outstanding dedication and excellence in their work, you can find out more information <u>here</u>. Deadline for nominations is 18th August.

And finally, I'd like to share some wonderful feedback regarding the Royal Hospital for Children's Orthotics Service. My thanks to Melville Dixon and the rest of the team who looked after this patient's daughter:

"I attend the service with my daughter, who has cerebral palsy. She recently started wearing a splint, which is a big change for her and for us. The whole team have made adjusting to this process easier, showing kindness and professionalism. We have been fortunate to see the lead of the orthotic service, Mel, on two occasions, and he is without a doubt the most genuine, kind-hearted, and caring professional I have come across. Mel makes my daughter feel so special and has really put my anxious mind at ease. He is fantastically knowledgeable, practical, and realistic, and has really made a difference to our lives. He is a real asset to the service!"

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