

Core brief

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DAILY REMINDER: Don't Spread the Virus at Work or Home

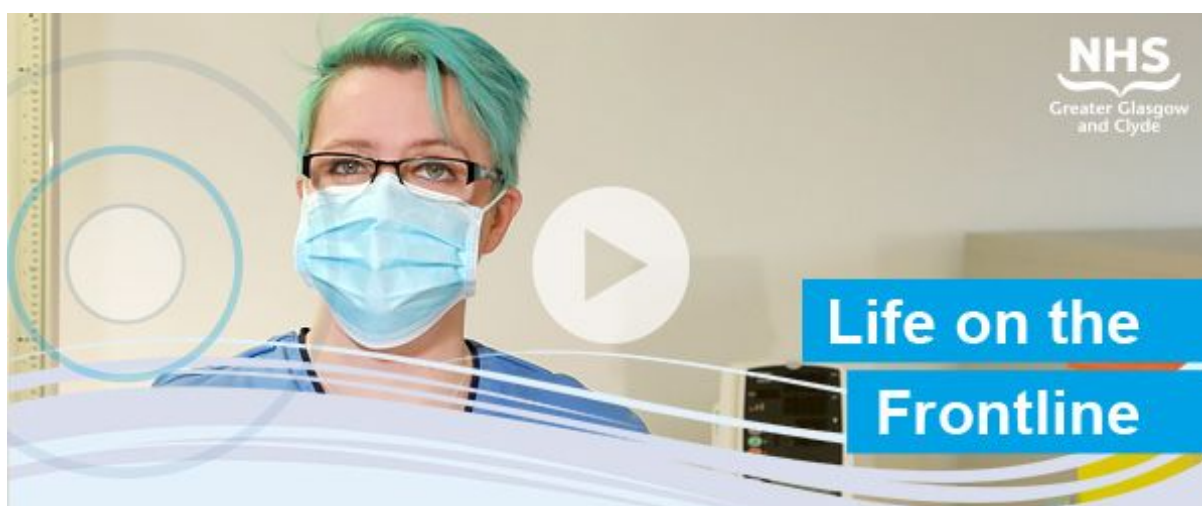
Don't share personal items such as your mobile phone, hairbrush or other cosmetic items. Also, please don't share dishes, cups and cutlery.

Life on the Frontline – Katie Sharp

[Katie Sharp, Senior Research Nurse](#) for the Glasgow Clinical Research Facility, is the latest member of staff to feature in our Life in the Frontline.

Katie talks about how proud she is of colleagues and how the hard work and dedication of the team has paid off when you see the reduction in timescales in vaccine trials. She also talks about her COVID has affected her personal life with her young family.

We hope that you are enjoying these personal accounts of life on the frontline during the pandemic. If you would like to feature in one of the videos and tell us about how you and colleagues have been affected, then please get in touch (staffnewsletter@ggc.scot.nhs.uk).



School Closures and Key Worker Arrangements

As you will be aware the First Minister announced at the weekend that Scottish schools will remain closed for a longer period over the Christmas holidays. School will now reopen on 11 January 2021, but for online learning only.

However, please note that whilst the revised school opening schedule applies for the majority of pupils, children of NHS workers may return to school on or around 5 January as planned. You should arrange to liaise with your local authority and/or school to find out local arrangements.

Security message

Site based security personnel such as Eddie at the QEUH (pictured) will continue to be present at a number of site entrances. They are there to ensure safe access and promote social distancing and good hand hygiene by reminding all to use the hand gel stations on entry to buildings.

They will continue to ask staff to present their ID Badge on entry to the building, including those staff in uniform. Please be ready to display your badge as you approach the entrance to help ease the process.

Staff are reminded of the need to ensure they observe social distancing measures, and that they apply alcohol gel to their hands when entering and exiting the building.

Please remember, our security colleagues are in place to help protect us and keep us safe. Please be respectful and considerate and help them to help us.

Our tips for a less wasteful time of year

As we look ahead to Christmas, many of us may wish to spare a thought for how we can make this time of year kinder to the environment. Each Christmas, we produce 30% more waste than we do in the rest of the year. This includes 1,315 tonnes of wasted turkey and 375 tonnes of wasted mince pies. Consider buying only what you need, freeze your leftovers, and use the food waste bin if you can.

Wrapping paper is not recyclable, due to glitter, ribbons and plastics in the paper. Glitter contributes to more than 12.2 million tonnes of plastic that enters the ocean each year. As the tiny bits of plastic can harm wildlife and get into the food chain, so if you are yet to get wrapping, maybe you could consider going glitter free this year.

For more information and useful tips on how to have a more environmentally friendly Christmas, please click [here](#).

COVID-19 Social Distancing and Workplace Assessment Audit

The NHSGGC Guidance on Social Distancing (SD) was issued in June 2020. A key component of this guidance was the requirement for local managers in conjunction with staff to undertake a specific risk assessment to identify risks and suitable control measures associated with COVID-19 in the workplace.

An audit tool has been developed on Webropol. The aim of this audit is to provide assurance to our workforce, service users and members of the public that we are continuously striving to ensure a safe and healthy workplace for all during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please access the [Audit Guidance document](#) for further information.



Please access the Audit tool here: [Social Distancing and Workplace Assessment Audit](#).

The audit will take approximately 15 minutes to complete and will remain active for six weeks from the 21 December.

Should you have any queries please contact the Health and Safety Department.

Social distancing is everyone's responsibility

Stick to the allowed occupancy when using lifts -
check the information displayed beside the lift.



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: staff.covid19@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

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

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