

Core brief

Daily update

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Updates to acute IPC addendum

Please be advised of some updates to the ARHAI (Antimicrobial Resistance and Healthcare Associated Infection) acute COVID-19 addendum that were added on the 18 February:

- Update to resources and Rapid reviews content.
- 5.1.2 Additional wording added to definition of suspected case section to reflect wide variety of presenting symptoms.
- 5.1.3 Strengthening of triage question relating to travel history.
- 5.6 Additional paragraph in PPE section reinforcing need for visiting staff to seek clarity on patient pathway and PPE requirements prior to patient contact.

A link to the full guidance can be viewed at: <http://www.nipcm.hps.scot.nhs.uk/scottish-covid-19-infection-prevention-and-control-addendum-for-acute-settings/>

Scottish Public Pension Agency (SPPA) NHS Pension Scheme – 2021/03

In 2015 the UK government introduced reformed pension schemes across the main public sector workforces, including the NHS. The reforms included a policy of transitional protection that meant members closest to their Normal Pension Age (NPA) stayed in their legacy schemes. The Court of Appeal later found this arrangement to be discriminatory against younger members and the government has been working to address this. The attached circular from the Scottish Public Pensions Agency contains important information on the UK Government's response to remedying the discrimination identified.

Members do not need to take any action at this time. The SPPA will identify and contact those members who are affected. Members should keep up to date by checking the information on the [SPPA website](#).

[Click here to read the full circular and FAQs which will be updated as further policy develops.](#)

Your Active Staff is going online

From Monday 1 March you will have access to eight live classes per week, Monday – Saturday. With a mixture of live early morning and evening classes streamed by instructors over [Microsoft Teams](#) to the comfort of your home we hope we have something on offer for all levels and for you to enjoy. To book in, it couldn't be easier. All you need to do is click [here](#) to go onto your Active Staff webpage, it's all completely FREE!!!



Should you require any further information, please don't hesitate to drop us an email: ActiveStaff.Legacy2014@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

Privacy Notices

As a data controller, NHSGGC processes both patient and staff data and one of the most important aspects of data processing principles is transparency and the requirement for the Board to be clear, open and honest about how it processes personal data. The Board processes staff data for a number of reasons, for example, employment purposes including staff contracts and salary payments and also to ensure it meets its legal obligations to organisations such as HMRC.

To ensure the Board is transparent about how it uses staff personal data, it has a designated Staff Privacy Notice which is updated regularly to reflect what it does with your data. The Privacy Notice has been updated recently to include information on Covid-19 testing and vaccination data and can be viewed [here](#).

If you have any questions or concerns about how NHSGGC handle your personal data or any other enquiries relating to data protection please get in touch with the Information Governance Team at data.protection@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

Lister Week

It's Lister Week at GRI this week! Still time to sign up for the daily webinars and the virtual tour. Even if you cannot attend at the specified time, please register and you will receive a link to watch the recording at your leisure! Registration via <http://friendsofgri.org/events/>

If you work in GRI you can visit the exhibition in person (David Livingstone lecture theatre, adjacent to ward 30). You must maintain social distancing rules.

There will be an opportunity to win a signed copy of 'The Butchering Art' by Lindsey Fitzharris by either asking the best question in the webinar chat or by leaving the best comment in our 1950s visitor book if you are a GRI staff member.

Follow us on twitter @friendsofgri for @drlindseyfitz #twittertakeover 22 - 26 February.

World Encephalitis Day

Today is World Encephalitis Day and to help raise awareness the QEUH will be lit up red.

The QEUH joins famous buildings across the world which will be swathed in the colour red in order to 'shine a light on encephalitis'.

Encephalitis is an inflammation of the brain and affects



500,000 people globally each year – more than certain types of meningitis and motor neurone disease, yet few people have heard of it.

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

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