

Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive (22 March 2024, 3.05pm)

This week, we were able to announce work is set to begin on a brand-new Renfrewshire Health and Care Facility for the Dargavel and Bishopton communities.

This is fantastic news for the local area and brings new environmentally friendly health services to meet population demands. Complementing the existing health centre in Bishopton, the new centre, situated in Dargavel, is targeted for completion in May of next year. We are working in partnership with Renfrewshire HSCP and Hub West Scotland to deliver this high-quality, low-energy building, and I look forward to seeing how the project develops, particularly in terms of engaging local stakeholders in the build to create something the whole community can support.

I am delighted to announce that we have achieved the established accreditation level of Carer Positive, a programme designed to encourage employers to create supportive environments for staff with caring responsibilities.



This accomplishment reflects our ongoing commitment to fostering a workplace that is inclusive and supportive of our staff with caring responsibilities outside of work. It is a significant achievement, and my thanks go to colleagues from Human Resources and Organisational Development (pictured), who have worked hard to embed this inclusive culture in our services. You can find out more information on our Carer page on HR Connect. Our Finance, Planning and Performance (FP&P) Committee (pictured) were out and about this week, meeting staff and hearing about HSCP services. They visited Glasgow City HSCP's Home Care services on Monday and the MSK physiotherapy services at Clydebank Health and Care Centre on Wednesday.



These teams play a key role in ensuring our patients receive the right type of care in the community, helping to keep patients out of hospital and enabling those who are in hospital to return home. My gratitude goes to everyone involved in these visits.

I would also like to congratulate all the fantastic winners from the local Clyde Sector Awards last week. The RAH stroke multidisciplinary team scooped the overall Team Winner award, while Vale of Leven Hospital Housekeeper, Sharon McLauchlan was recognised as Employee of the Year.

RAH Senior Charge Nurse, Angela Thomson won Leader of the Year, while the Clyde Robotic Theatre Team were crowned Innovation Winners. Marie Phillips was recognised as Volunteer of the Year. Well done to everyone!

Some of the winners pictured below.



Finally, I'd like to share some feedback from the RHC regarding one of our healthcare support workers (HCSW), Chris McLean, who embodies compassionate care in the way he looked after this patient:

"Our recent visit to the Royal Hospital for Children in Glasgow was made all the better with the amazing care given in ward 1AB. Our son was attending for a scan under general anaesthetic. The care provided, especially by HCSW Chris, was just amazing. Our son is very scared of hospitals due to past experiences, but Chris made the whole experience fun. He went above and beyond, making the experience much more relaxing this time around. He is a credit to the ward, with such a caring and kind nature that puts anyone's mind at ease. Thank you again! Everyone who works with children needs to be a bit more like Chris."

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