

# Core brief

**Daily update**  
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## Message from Dr Margaret McGuire, Nurse Director

Dr Margaret McGuire, Nurse Director, sends a message to all staff thanking you for all you have done and continue to do caring for our patients and their families during these difficult times.

To watch the video, please [click here](#).

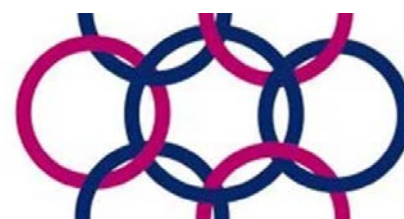


## Virtual NHS Scotland event 2021 - call for ePosters now open



EVENT 2021  
NHS SCOTLAND

This year's NHS Scotland Event will run as a virtual event from 22 – 24 June.



For the first time, all abstracts accepted for the NHS Scotland Event will be delivered as ePosters.

In the new virtual format, the ePosters will still feature as one of the key elements of the event programme – and will continue to form an integral part of best practice, learning and sharing at the event.

This year, we want to take the opportunity to showcase the extraordinary work of NHS Scotland staff and partners in responding to COVID-19. So, we have introduced a special category - *Responding to and Learning from COVID-19*.

For further information on all of this year's ePoster categories, visit the NHS Scotland Event website and download a copy of the [Call for ePosters Guide](#).

The closing date for posters to be submitted to you poster abstract co-ordinator is: **15 March 2021**.

## FFP3 mask - 3M 1863 & 1873V – Important information



It is essential that all users of the **3M 1863 & 1873V** attend a face fit session to transition to a different masks as soon as possible. These masks will no longer be able to be used after the 31 March 2021.

Line managers must ensure that all staff that are presently fitted to and use a 3M 1863 or a 1873V mask and have not been fitted to an alternative mask are fitted to another mask by local qualitative fit testers, or by quantitative Portacount testing if there is no access to local fit testers.



**Note: This does not affect the 3M 1863+.or the 1873V+.**

### **COVID-19 Social Distancing and Workplace Assessment Audit – last week to complete**

An audit tool has been developed on Webropol 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

Managers should ensure this audit is completed by February 2021.

*Information relation to Social Distancing can be found [here](#). If you have any ideas to improve Social Distancing practice, please share with your line manager and email here: [SDCommsGroup@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:SDCommsGroup@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)*

Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at: [www.nhsggc.org.uk/covid19](http://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](mailto:staff.covid19@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)

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