

Core brief

Daily update

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Public Holidays 2023/24

The NHSGGC public holidays for 2023/24 have now been agreed by the Area Partnership Forum and are listed below:

<u>2023</u>	NHS GREATER GLASGOW & CLYDE (including Inverclyde HSCP & Renfrewshire HSCP)
Good Friday	7 April
Easter Monday	10 April
May Day Monday	1 May
Autumn Monday	25 September
Christmas Day	25 December
Boxing Day	26 December
2024	
New Year	1st January
New Year	2nd January

Please Note: Any additional Bank or Public Holiday will be advised in due course.

QEUH Atrium Project

Following recent work to assess materials used for wall panels in the atrium of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, we can now confirm that a project of removal and replacement in some areas is about to begin.

Work within the atrium will start from Monday and it is anticipated that the project will be completed in 2027. During that time you may experience some disruption to your usual routes through the hospital, seating and breakout areas, and catering facilities.

However, we would like to reassure you that in this phase of the project all catering facilities and shops will remain open.

In addition, wards and clinics will be unaffected by the work – though there may be some changes to waiting areas that overlook the atrium.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause to your work, and we would like to thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

We would like to reassure you that throughout the planning process for this project, we have consulted regularly with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Scottish Government, NHS Assure and Building Standards. The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and NHS Assure National Fire Advisors are satisfied that the building is safe and will remain so throughout the work, and all bodies are content with the plans we have put in place.

If you have any questions about the project, or any concerns about how it will affect you and your work, please speak to your line manager in the first instance, or contact Senior Project Manager Gary Skene - Gary.Skene@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.

Link to full press statement: <https://www.nhsggc.scot/work-to-remove-and-replace-some-wall-panels-within-qeuh-atrium/>

Nursing and Maternity Support Workers' Day

To celebrate Nursing Support Workers' Day on 23 November and Maternity Support Workers' Day on 24 November, Angela Wallace, Executive Director of Nursing, thanks our healthcare support workers for all their hard work and commitment.

"Thank you to all our amazing healthcare support workers (HCSWs) within NHSGGC. You are vital team members and you make a significant contribution to the people we serve, and as we face the future, I feel certain that your role will continue to develop and flourish. I look forward to supporting that journey.

HCSWs within NHSGGC exemplify the "what matters to you" principles, really asking, listening and doing what matters to those we care for.

I'd like to thank you for the compassion, dedication and care you bring to work every day, you make a huge difference to us achieving the great care we strive for across NHSGGC. Once again, thank you and enjoy celebrating your day."

Let's talk about ... Staff Wellbeing Webinars (20 minutes)

Colleagues attending the September webinar series of *Let's talk about... staff wellbeing* provided fantastic feedback, which we have used to build the next selection of 20 minute webinars that will take place throughout November and December.

The webinars continue to focus on various topics which we know are important to personal health and wellbeing and are delivered in a format that allows colleagues to take away top tips and share with others.

We would like to thank colleagues for your positive feedback;

- "Great session - really valuable and appreciated"
- "Will put the information shared to good use for a better night's sleep"
- "A nice way to start the day thinking about your own wellbeing"
- "This was really interesting. I have found these sessions great and enjoy how short they are so easy to fit in to the day"

All are welcome to come and join our NHSGGC Health Psychologist, Heather Connolly and Peer Support & Wellbeing Project Support Officer, Asia Nicoletti. Webinars are open to all staff with easy booking access for the sessions you are interested in.

Friday 25 November 09:00 Let's talk about: The Going Home Check List	Book here
Thursday 1 December 16:00 REPEAT: Let's talk about: Winter Worries and Wellbeing	Book here

NHSGGC Staff Witness Support

Recently there have been videos prepared to assist and support staff involved in the investigations of sudden and unexpected deaths, as well as Fatal Accident Inquiries (FAI).

Within NHSGGC many clinical and nursing staff are contacted daily by Police Scotland and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) with requests for statements in respect of various investigations, in particular, relating to any sudden and unexpected deaths (SUD).

A video has been prepared to highlight support and familiarise staff with that process, please see undernoted video link SUD - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3mPAOoEhGQA>

Sudden and unexpected death investigations may lead on to Fatal Accident Inquiries (FAI), therefore, please also view undernoted video that explains what an FAI is and the support available around FAI's for staff. FAI - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h88ykZnj-oU>

If you require any assistance or would just like to chat through any uncertainties you have around the SUD process and FAI's, please get in touch with Rachel McGowan, Witness Support and Corporate Legal Manager at: NHSGGCWitnessSupport@ggc.scot.nhs.uk or visit HR Connect: [Staff Witness Support and Guidance](#)

If something isn't right, let's talk about...
Whistleblowing



Whistleblowing

This is a way you can formally raise concerns about an issue that is in the public interest, such as patient safety or suspected malpractice. You can find out more information about the whistleblowing process by visiting National Whistleblowing Standards | INWO (spsa.org.uk). To submit a formal whistleblowing concern, please email ggc.whistleblowing@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.



Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at: www.nhsggc.scot. If you have any questions about the current situation please check the FAQs first. If you have any further questions, please visit the [HR Self Service Portal](#)

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

Are your contact details up-to-date? [Click here](#) to check