

Core brief

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Cross-site collaboration and block room innovation at New Stobhill Hospital's Day Surgery Unit

Professor Jann Gardner, Chief Executive, recently paid a visit to New Stobhill Hospital to see innovation in action in its Day Surgery Unit. Thanks to cross-site collaboration and a new block room, the service is improving patient care and helping to reduce NHSGGC's surgical waiting list.

During her visit, Jann spoke with Lead Nurse, Nicola Duke, Senior Charge Nurse Kim Brannan, and Charge Nurse Nicola MacKay about the site's promising results. The site has recently implemented the pilot of a new block room with the Orthopaedics service, which is used to provide patients with specialist regional anaesthesia to block nerves before surgery and avoid the need for general anaesthesia.



Professor Jann Gardner, Chief Executive, Nicola Mackay, Charge Nurse, Nicola Duke, LN, Kim Brannan, SCN, William Edwards, COO, Neil McCallum, Director - North, and Scott Davidson, Medical Director in the Day Surgery's ophthalmic theatre, where the team perform high volume cataract lists

This innovation will allow greater theatre utilisation and improved efficiency. Over time, this will support an expansion in the number of cases the service is able to do per list, with the team working towards the aim of 4 joints per list.

The development builds on the established work at Stobhill to develop a day surgery pathway for suitable patients to have hip and knee surgery.

Staff from Stobhill DSU Recovery and Glasgow Royal Infirmary Recovery have also adopted a cross-site rotation system, fostering shared learning and improved patient care. Stobhill staff gain valuable acute care experience at GRI, while GRI staff enhance their expertise in discharge processes at Stobhill. This collaboration has had a significant impact, with Stobhill staff applying their knowledge of the principles of day surgery to implement the Same Day Discharge pathway at GRI, successfully processing over 700 patients through this innovative service.

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