



**Daily update**  
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## **How important is risk management for NHSGGC? Hear from Director of Finance, Michael Breen**

We recognise that healthcare is not a risk-free environment, and to support this we must ensure that Risk Management is embedded into our operations, strategic planning, and decision making.

As we navigate through periods of change, the processes of Risk Management are vital for identifying and managing risks. This is especially important as we work collaboratively to move Transforming Together initiatives forward.

Our revised Risk Management Policy, Strategy, and Procedure play an integral role in our governance framework and are crucial for achieving our objectives. Michael Breen, the Director of Finance and the Board Lead for Risk Management, shares this message for staff, detailing why risk management is so important for NHSGGC:



The resources Michael mentions in the video can be found below:

- [Risk Management Staffnet page](#)
- [Everyone has a role to play in risk management: new guidance for managers and staff](#)
- [Risk Management Q&A: Chief Risk Officer Katrina Heenan tackles five common misconceptions](#)
- [Risk vs Incident: Chief Risk Officer Katrina Heenan's easy guide to spot the difference](#)
- [Hear from Head of H&S Freddie Warnock on the importance of Risk Management in keeping us all safe at work](#)

## **CyberScotland Week 2026**

CyberScotland Week 2026 runs from Monday 23 February to Friday 28 February 2026.

Cyber criminals target individuals as much as organisations. The techniques they use at work – phishing emails, password theft, fraud – are the same ones they use to target you at home. By improving your personal cyber security, you protect yourself, your family and NHS Scotland.

Counter Fraud Services are sharing lots of good practical guidance this week which you can read more about here: [📄 Counter-fraud-campaigns.aspx](#)

As always, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the Board's Fraud Liaison Officer, Euan Cronin.

## **Get ready for our next in-person Copilot events at Glasgow Royal Infirmary, Gartnavel General, Stobhill and New Victoria**

Following the success of our first Copilot event in February that saw over 750 staff gain new Copilot skills at the QEUH, we are extending training to four more sites.

This March, we're hosting Copilot events at Glasgow Royal Infirmary, Gartnavel General, Stobhill and New Victoria.

Join us at our in-person training sessions and Ask the Expert drop-in sessions where you can learn new ways to use Copilot, ask questions, and get the most out of Copilot in your role.

### **In-Person Training Sessions**

One-hour in-person training sessions for Copilot (Standard) will take place at the following venues and times.

Choose a time that suits you – [register here](#) or just turn up and grab your seat (first-come, first-served):

Date	Times	Location
Monday 2 March 2026	10.00 – 11.00am and 2.00 – 3.00pm	Gartnavel General Lecture Theatre Upper Ground Floor
Thursday 5 March 2026	10.00 – 11.00am and 2.00 – 3.00pm	Glasgow Royal Infirmary Lecture Theatre 1 Lister Building
Monday 9 March 2026	10.00 – 11.00am and 2.00 – 3.00pm	Glasgow Royal Infirmary Training Room Surgical Block
Thursday 19 March 2026	2.00 – 3.00pm	Stobhill Hospital Seminar Room 6
Monday 30 March 2026	10.00 – 11.00am and 2.00 – 3.00pm	New Victoria Hospital ADM 2.16A Conference Room

### Ask The Expert: Drop-In Session

Have questions or want tailored advice? Our Ask the Expert drop-in sessions are open for all staff with Copilot (Standard) at the following venues and times:

Date	Times	Location
Monday 2 March 2026	9.00am – 5.00pm	Gartnavel General Aroma Café
Thursday 5 March 2026	9.00am – 5.00pm	Glasgow Royal Infirmary Aroma Café Lomond Dining Room
Monday 9 March 2026	9.00am – 5.00pm	Glasgow Royal Infirmary Aroma Café Lomond Dining Room
Thursday 19 March 2026	9.00am – 5.00pm	Stobhill Hospital Aroma Café Main Atrium
Monday 30 March 2026	9.00am – 5.00pm	New Victoria Hospital Aroma Café

Don't miss this chance to boost your Copilot skills, connect with experts, and get answers to your questions!

### Licensed Users

All staff are welcome to join these events. If you have a Copilot licence, you can find additional specific training on the [Copilot Hub on Staffnet](#) that will help you get the most out of your licence.

### Supporting your patients to stop smoking

Working with patients who smoke? Now's the time to help them quit their way with free support from NHSGGC.

A new national campaign to promote the [Quit Your Way](#) service is



underway, and we need your help to spread the message with anyone who smokes and wants to stop.

Around 600,000 people still smoke across Scotland, and it remains one of the biggest drivers of ill-health across the country. The new campaign aims to drive awareness of Quit Your Way, and support an increase in the number of quits, which has reduced nationally in recent years.

Stopping smoking is one of the best ways for people to improve their health and save money, and the Quit Your Way team at GGC offers free nicotine replacement products and medication – including Varenicline – and behaviour change support in the following ways:

- Face to face help in groups or one-to-one settings
- Telephone support
- Access to a free app
- Through local pharmacies.

We also offer specialist help in maternity, mental health and prison services.

There's never been a better time to support your patients who smoke to quit, especially with Varenicline (previously known as Champix) now widely available and proven to have a high success rate in supporting quits.

[Download the campaign Toolkit](#) if you want to use any content or order printed materials for your area, and tell your patients to speak to a Quit Your Way adviser on 0800 916 8858, visit [www.nhsggc.scot/quityourway](http://www.nhsggc.scot/quityourway), or drop in to their local pharmacy.

If you want help in learning how to raise the issue of smoking, you can take Public Health Scotland's Very Brief Advice online [training module](#) on smoking - a 30min course that'll give you the power to have a 30s conversation that could save someone's life.

**Remember, for all your latest news stories, visit the Staffnet Hub:**

[GGC-Staffnet Hub - Home \(sharepoint.com\)](#)



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