

Daily update
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Clinical Guidelines Quarterly Update – Autumn 2026

Welcome to the NHSGGC Clinical Guidelines Update Autumn 2026. In this edition:

- Looking Back on September's Clinical Guidelines Week
- Keeping Clinical Guidelines in the Spotlight
- Introducing the Clinical Guidelines Resource Hub
- Clinical Guidelines Featured in GGC Medicines Update
- New National Guidelines - SIGN and NICE
- Clinical Guidelines User Group Update
- Spotlight - Clinical Guidelines Toolkit Infographic: Clinical Guidelines Toolkit at a Glance
- Key messages and useful reminders for guideline review and development, including Useful Link for RDS Outages and Clinical Guidelines Dashboard - New Access Route Available

Help us improve how we support staff during sickness absence

NHSGGC is working in partnership with our Staff Side colleagues to better understand staff experiences of sickness absence and identify how we can improve the support available when reporting an absence, while off work and when returning to work.

If you have recently been off work due to ill health, please take a few minutes to complete our anonymous survey. Your feedback will help us understand what is working well and where we could improve the support provided to staff.

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Closing date: Monday 7 December 2026.

Acute Volunteering Service Annual Report 2025–26

The Acute Volunteering Service Annual Report 2025–26 is now available, highlighting the significant contribution volunteers make to patients, families and staff across NHSGGC's nine acute hospital sites.



During 2025–26, an average of **232 volunteers each month contributed 40,377 hours of support**, complementing, not replacing staff roles. Total additional support contributed by volunteers accumulated to around **26 WTE**, across 11 main volunteering roles. The report estimates the total added social and economic value of this contribution at almost **£1.3 million**.

The year also saw ward volunteering increase by more than 10%, NHSGGC

formally pledge its support for the Volunteer Charter, and volunteering included in the NHSGGC Workforce Plan for the first time. Volunteer experience remained strong, with an average positivity score of **95%** across the six principles of the National Framework for Volunteering.

The report celebrates these achievements while setting out priorities for developing safe, inclusive and sustainable volunteering in 2026–27.

Read the full annual report

To find out more about volunteering or explore how it may benefit you, please visit our website or email ggc.voluntary.services@nhs.scot

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Funding available for green and outdoor spaces

NHSGGC is committed to protecting and enhancing biodiversity, creating welcoming outdoor spaces, and improving the natural environment for patients, staff, and visitors. Access to nature and greenspace has well-recognised benefits for both physical and mental wellbeing and NHSGGC is keen to promote these benefits across its estate.

Annual Greater Glasgow and Clyde Healthcare Charity funding is available for projects that help make our green and outdoor spaces better for both people and the planet. Do you have an idea that could enhance your site during the next financial year?

Previous funded projects have included the creation of new garden areas at the QEUH, spring bulb planting at the RAH and the installation of benches and seating to provide outdoor respite areas for staff across a range of sites.

NHSGGC Greenspace Officer Fiona Roche is encouraging staff to submit outline proposals, she said: "Every project funded has the potential to make a real difference, whether that's enhancing biodiversity, improving wellbeing, creating new greenspaces, or a combination of all three. Sometimes even the smallest change can have a big impact. If you have an idea for a project, please fill out the form and let us know."

The project proposal form can be accessed here. Completed forms should be submitted by Friday 27 November 2026.

Projects selected for the next stage will be invited to develop their ideas into a formal endowments application for final review in April 2027.

For further information or support with developing a proposal, please contact fiona.roche2@nhs.scot.

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