

# Core brief

## Daily update

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### Upcoming Postal Disruption

Royal Mail have confirmed that there will be strike action taking place on the following dates: **Tuesday 25 October, Wednesday 2 November, Thursday 3 November and Friday 4 November.**

While talks between Royal Mail and the Communication Workers Union (CWU) continue in an attempt to avert industrial action, NHSGGC staff are asked to send post items as early as possible in advance of the strike dates in order to minimise potential disruption.

### IPCNQi Newsletter – fourth issue

The fourth Infection Prevention and Control Quality Improvement Network Newsletter (IPCQIN) is available now. [Click here](#) for an update on the network's progress to date.

Morag Gardner, Deputy Nurse Director for Acute Services – chair of the IPCQIN, said: “The IPCQIN workstreams are important for us, and important for our patients and I am pleased that all work streams are making good progress across the Board.

“I am particularly delighted that we now have a SAB group in all acute adult sectors which are working collaboratively across the services. Continuously improving the services that we provide for our patients is a key objective as we continually strive to improve the experience for every patient that we care for. I hope you find our fourth newsletter informative and any feedback is gratefully received.”

### Innovation Fellows

Applications are now open for the second round of the Innovation Fellowship Scheme, following a hugely successful Cohort 1 intake.

Cohort 2 is targeted at early stage innovators working across NHS Scotland, offering the opportunity for clinicians to a higher degree (MD or PhD) early in their career. The scheme is 100 per cent funded and includes university fees.

Applications for Cohort 2 close on November 30, and potential candidates are invited to attend an information session on Tuesday October 25 at 1:00pm. The session will cover available opportunities and will be recorded for anyone who cannot attend. To register please email [InnovationFellowship@gov.scot](mailto:InnovationFellowship@gov.scot).

The aim of the Innovation Fellowship Scheme is to strengthen the innovation culture to solve real problems in the NHS and social care, improving the quality, efficiency and sustainability of health and care delivery and supporting NHS Scotland's Re-mobilise, Recover, Re-design Framework.

Successful candidates for Cohort 2 will be invited to apply for a PhD or MD to carry out a project across key themes, set to align with NHS Scotland national priorities and the SHIP (Scottish Health and Industry Partnership) Signalling Plan.

If you are interested in applying for Cohort 2, you can find out more and apply at [NHS Scotland Innovation Fellowships – Chief Scientist Office](#)

## Staff Disability Forum November Meeting

The next main Staff Disability Forum meeting will be held via Teams on Wednesday 2 November between 1:00pm and 2.30pm.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

If you would like to be added to the Staff Disability Forum mailing list, or have any disability related queries, please email: [ggc.staffdisabilityforum@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:ggc.staffdisabilityforum@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)

We also have a closed Facebook group for NHSGGC staff, including HSCP. To join, please go to [NHSGGC - Staff Disability Forum | Facebook](#)

## Black History Month 2022

Thank you to everyone for the interest and support already shown for NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Black History Month Activity. We have a range of exciting activities underway throughout this month.

This week we have the following activities taking place:

- **Mental Health stigma and discrimination session**
  - Thursday 27 October 2:00pm -2:30pm  
[Click here to join the meeting](#)
- **Colourful Heritage presents “Contribution of South Asians to Scotland”**
  - Thursday 27 October at 11:00am – 12:00pm  
[Click here to join the meeting](#)
- **BME Staff Network Stalls**
  - Wednesday 26 October Gartnavel 1:00pm – 2:30pm
  - Thursday 27 October, Royal Alexandra Hospital, 11:30am – 1:30pm
- **BME Staff Networking Session**
  - Wednesday 26 October – Gartnavel General Hospital, Aroma Dining Room, 4:00pm – 6:00pm
- **Celebrating Differences Cultural Food Day**
  - Thursday 27 October, 12:00pm – 2:00pm, available at Dining Rooms across all Acute Sites.



**Join NHSGGC and the BME Staff Network in Celebrating Black History Month.**

**This October the Black and Minority Ethnic community and our allies come together to show support for our BME community, invest in our staff and raise awareness of the progress made and the challenges that still exist for many of us.**

Please use the QR code to find our schedule of events for Black History Month Activity at NHSGGC.

Everyone is welcome to come along, be involved and join us!

Further information on each event, dates and timings can be found on the website at [BME Staff Network – NHSGGC](#)

# If something isn't right, talk to us.



If you have concerns about issues affecting your working life, the quality of service we offer or the care provided to our patients, we're here to listen. There are a number of ways you can raise your concerns:

## Management and Peer Support



- Managers and Leaders
- Confidential Contacts
- HR helpline
- Report via Datix

## Health, Wellbeing and Spiritual Support



- Chaplaincy Service
- Occupational Health

## Whistleblowing



- Formally raise a concern about an issue in the public interest.

For further information visit: [www.nhsggc.scot/speakup](http://www.nhsggc.scot/speakup)



Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at: [www.nhsggc.scot](http://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 eSS](#).\*\*\*

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