

Core brief

Daily update
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New Chief Officers appointed in Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Health and Social Care Partnerships

Inverclyde and Renfrewshire HSCPs have made appointments to their respective Chief Officer posts.

Kate Rocks has been appointed to lead Inverclyde HSCP from early August and Christine Laverty has been appointed as Chief Officer of Renfrewshire HSCP.

Kate Rocks joins the Inverclyde team from East Renfrewshire HSCP where she is currently Head of Public Protection/Children's Services and Chief Social Work Officer.

Kate replaces Louise Long, who was appointed as Chief Executive of Inverclyde Council in September 2021.

Commenting on her appointment, Kate said: "I'm absolutely delighted to be offered the post of Chief Officer for Inverclyde HSCP.

"Inverclyde is a place where at the heart of it is the people and it is the people who are the most important asset.

"The vision for health and social care services from the council and health board through the HSCP is to recover from the pandemic and continue to build on the good work already being done in Inverclyde.

"I will endeavour to support staff to do that and in keeping with the core values, particularly being kind and compassionate for which Inverclyde already has a proud reputation for."

Christine Laverty was appointed as Interim Chief Officer for Renfrewshire in June last year and has expertly led the HSCP through the coronavirus pandemic. She will officially take up the Chief Officer post on Monday 25 April.

On accepting the role, Christine said; "I am delighted to take up this role on a permanent basis and would like to thank everyone in the Renfrewshire HSCP team for their support and encouragement over my period as Interim Chief Officer.

"It has undoubtedly been a challenging time for everyone, but the teamwork,



collaboration and energy of our staff and their commitment to those we support has been exceptional. We are proud of our reputation for excellence. This is a result of the commitment and passion of all our staff and I want to thank them for their continued efforts to provide the very best care for those who need us most.”

Best of luck, Kate and Christine!

Message from Fiona Smith, AHP Director: AHP Professional Development Programme

As the Director for Allied Health Professions I have identified development opportunities to support career pathways and transforming roles, as a priority for AHP professional development and governance. As a component of this work, I am delighted to advise we are in a position to support the AHP Education Fund for a second year and the application process for the modular programme will be open from 25 April 2022 until 22 May 2022.

This first round offers registered AHPs the opportunity to apply from a suite of funded modules, delivered by Glasgow Caledonian University. This will support professional practice and personal development portfolios throughout AHP career pathways: including Advanced Practice AHPs and those aspiring to be in AHP Advanced Practice roles.

Details of the application process and modular choice will be available from the opening date via this link: [☐ AHP Education Fund 2022 - Application pack](#), via AHP Director communications through the AHP Senior Team and AHP Practice Education Team: ggc.qjnhahpepl@nhs.scot

NHSGGC is committed to the development of our AHP Health Care Support Workers. We are working with local Higher Education Institutions to offer a suite of funded opportunities for HCSW later in the year. Further correspondence about this will be circulated in due course.

NHSGGC Reading Challenge 2022

The NHSGGC Reading Challenge for 2022 starts on the 3 May and runs until the 31 October. With leisure reading proven to have beneficial effects on work/life balance, stress, wellbeing and communication skills the Reading Challenge asks you to read any book, ebook, graphic novel, poetry play or listen to an audio book, and then write a short review on it.

There are different awards depending on how many items you read/listen to:

- Read 3 books to achieve a Bronze award
- Read 6 books to achieve a Silver award
- Read 12 books to achieve a Gold award
- Read 24 books to achieve a Platinum award
- Read 48 books to achieve a Diamond award

The NHSGGC Reading Challenge is open to any member of NHSGCC staff or Partners.

To register just sign up via our online registration form:
<https://link.webropol.com/s/ReadingChallenge2022>

In addition the NHSGGC Reading Challenge has been linked to KSF core dimensions:
Core skill 1 - Communication
Core skill 2 - Personal and people development

For more information contact your local NHSGGC library or visit the Library Network StaffNet page, StaffNet > eHealth > Library Network > Reading Writing & Creating> NHSGGC Reading Challenge.

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