

Core brief

Daily update
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NHS Scotland Sustainability Strategy

The Scottish Government has launched the NHS Scotland Climate Emergency and Sustainability Strategy 2022-2026. This sets out plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the impact on the environment, how we adapt to climate change and to better contribute to the United Nations sustainable development goals over the next four years.

To play our part in tackling the climate crisis, NHS Scotland is aiming to become a net-zero health service by 2040.

NHSGGC is working on our own sustainable implementation strategy which will be available later this year and will detail how we will realise the ambitions outlined within the Climate Emergency and Sustainability Strategy.

[Click here](#) to access the full document.

CISCO-19 study

Have you **NOT** had COVID-19? Would you be interested in a heart health check with an MRI and CT scan?

Are you over 65 years of age?

Or over 40 years of age with one or more of the following?

- Family history of coronary heart disease or stroke
- Diabetes
- Current or former smoker
- Rheumatoid arthritis
- High blood pressure
- High cholesterol
- Body mass index over 30 kg/m²

The CISCO-19 study, led by Professor Colin Berry, is looking for people who have **not** been infected with COVID-19 and who have no history of heart problems (e.g. heart attack). The study will involve a blood test (i.e. COVID-19 antibodies and research bloods) and an MRI and CT scan of your heart, lungs and kidneys. You would be asked to attend for a study visit at the Clinical Research Facility, QEUH.

If interested or for more information, please contact the study team at: Cisco19Study@ggc.scot.nhs.uk or call 0141 232 7600 for the Clinical Research Facility.

Staff Focus Groups – Small Change Matters and Endowment Funding

Are you interested in helping to rebrand NHSGGC’s Small Change Matters and Endowments? We are looking to find out what Small Change Matters and Endowments Funding mean to you, as well as discovering your thoughts on how best to raise awareness and enable staff involvement. Your views and opinions will shape, grow and develop upcoming awareness and marketing campaigns, so that we can reach staff members better.

Come along to our lunchtime focus groups on **Monday 12 or Tuesday 13 September** to share your thoughts. The sessions are open to staff across health and social care and don’t require any prior knowledge, just bring your lunch, a cup of tea and your thinking cap!

You can register for either session by clicking on your preferred date:

- [Monday 12 September, 12:15pm to 1:00pm](#)
- [Tuesday 13 September, 12:15pm to 1:00pm](#)

Reporting salaries correctly

If you complete SSTS or eESS, or are a manager responsible for staff salaries, then we want your help in ensuring that staff are paid correctly and on time.

A simple way to do this is by making sure that all leave, absence, overtime and changes to pay are recorded and authorised on time and accurately through the appropriate systems in advance of payroll deadlines.

For payroll deadlines and FAQ’s visit [StaffNet](#). For information or support on particular transactions or queries you can contact the relevant teams at:

Team or Service	Example of Queries or Support	Contact Details
eESS	Recording changes to location, band, hours, termination of employment, etc.	HR Portal - NHS GGC HR (service-now.com)
HR Support & Advice Unit	Annual leave, maternity leave, terms & conditions of service, etc.	HR Portal - NHS GGC HR (service-now.com)
SSTS	Recording shifts, absence, overtime etc.	ssts.team@ggc.scot.nhs.uk
Central Bank	Shifts worked, annual leave requests etc.	staff.bank@ggc.scot.nhs.uk
Payroll	Other payments, payroll guidance, etc.	GGCPayrollQueries@ggc.scot.nhs.uk
Expenses	New claimants, insurance certificates, etc.	eExpenses@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

Transport Update

McGill's Buses will be making changes to a number of their services from 29 August. As part of these changes, a direct bus service will be introduced from Royal Alexandra Hospital to QEUH. For more information please visit [McGill's website](#). More information on active and sustainable travel is available from the [Travel Plan Office](#).

Home Energy Scotland

Home Energy Scotland in Partnership with NHSGGC are offering free online workshops for all NHS staff on how to save energy at home.

Heating bills are a big worry for many households this year with the energy market crisis. This workshop has been designed to help us stay in control of our future energy bills as well as reduce our impact on the environment. Learn new practical tips and hints and test your own understanding of energy saving. We will also highlight what financial support is available.

Sessions are Thursday 15 September 2022:

Morning: Session 1 - 09:30 -10:00 or Session 2 - 11:30-12:00

Afternoon: Session 3 - 13:00 -13:30 or Session 4 - 15:00-15:30

To book a place visit: <https://link.webropol.com/s/hesworkshop>

If you would like to support your staff with information on how to access fuel discounts or money saving advice at this time please see how to access information leaflets below. Please print off this notice for staff who do not have regular access to PC's or laptops.

Home Energy Scotland leaflets available to order from our Central Stores. Please check the homepage of www.phrd.scot.nhs.uk for information and remember to register on www.phrd.scot.nhs.uk if you are not already a member before placing your order via the add to basket system. The leaflets can be found under **Money Advice** and the **Home** page.

This information is brought to you by the Staff Health Strategy.

30 minute workshop with Q& A



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Including, the Price Cap and reducing the impact.

Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at: www.nhsggc.scot. If you have any questions about the current situation please check the FAQs first. If you have any further questions, please email: HR.Support@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.

Staff are reminded to make sure their [personal contact details are up to date on eESS](#).

**It is important to share Core Brief with colleagues who do not have access to a computer.
A full archive of printable PDFs are available on [StaffNet](#)**