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Appointment of new Director of Pharmacy

Dr Yvonne Semple has been appointed as NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's new Director of Pharmacy. Yvonne will join us in October, bringing a wealth of experience from her previous roles within NHSGGC pharmacy services, Director of Pharmacy at NHS Golden Jubilee and her most recent role as Chief Pharmaceutical Adviser at the Scottish Medicines Consortium.



Dr Scott Davidson, Medical Director, said: "I know Yvonne will be a tremendous asset to NHSGGC, and I look forward to working closely with her as she leads our Pharmacy services into the future.

"I would also like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to Janice Watt, who has provided outstanding leadership as Interim Director of Pharmacy over the past 18 months. Janice has led with dedication, professionalism and compassion, ensuring the continued delivery of high-quality Pharmacy services across our Board.

"As Janice prepares for her retirement, I want to personally thank her for her immense contribution to NHSGGC over many years. On behalf of colleagues across the organisation, I wish her a long, happy and well-deserved retirement and every success for the future."

New Starts Collaborative Conversations

We are always looking for ways to improve the onboarding experience – for this to happen, feedback from colleagues who have newly joined NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde is invaluable.

Therefore we regularly run Collaborative Conversations which provide an opportunity for us to hear about your experience of joining the organisation, what went well during recruitment, onboarding and first few months in post. We are always keen to understand what went well and use feedback to identify any areas we can improve.

The details of the next conversations are below. If you have started with NHSGGC between April – July 2026, please use the links below to sign up to either session:

- (TEAMS) Tuesday 29 September from 11.00am to 12.30pm
<https://link.webpolsurveys.com/EP/ED5C5B7FB3301523>. This session will be via MS Teams.
- (In-person) Monday 5 October from 3.00pm to 4.30pm
<https://link.webpolsurveys.com/EP/FA33F46B84A0C04F> This session is in person at the Teaching and Learning Centre on the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital Campus.

Please contact Staff Experience Team at: ggc.staffexperience@nhs.scot if you would like any more information, or you have any questions.

Call for Expressions of Interest: Chair and Vice Chair Opportunities, West of Scotland Research Ethics Committee (REC1)

The West of Scotland Research Ethics Service is seeking enthusiastic and committed members to join the leadership team of West of Scotland Research Ethics Committee 1 (REC 1) as either Chair or Vice Chair.

These are rewarding and influential roles within one of Scotland's established Research Ethics Committees, providing an opportunity to support the ethical review of clinical trials of investigational medicinal products, medical device studies and a wide range of other health and social care research. The roles offer the chance to shape decision-making, support high standards of ethical review and contribute to the protection of research participants while enabling high-quality research to flourish.

Working closely with the REC membership, the Research Ethics Service team and national partners, the Chair and Vice Chair(s) play a key role in ensuring that research applications receive timely, robust and proportionate ethical

review.

People with extensive experience of clinical research and non-REC committee roles are also welcome to apply.

These roles provide an excellent opportunity to make a significant contribution to health and social care research across Scotland while developing valuable leadership, governance and chairing experience.

For more information visit [Staffnet](#).

For an informal discussion or to express an interest in either role, please contact the West of Scotland Research Ethics Service team (judith.godden@nhs.scot and katriona.brooksbank@nhs.scot). We would be delighted to hear from you.

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



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