

Core Brief



Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive (27 October 2023, 1.15pm)

As staff will be aware, the Scottish COVID-19 Public Inquiry commenced its first set impact hearings this week. This initial stage of the Inquiry will deal with Health and Social Care, and over the next week, will hear impact statements from groups representing affected groups. Over the coming months, the Inquiry will review the experiences of people impacted by the pandemic, which will include NHS Scotland and HSCP staff. The content of the Inquiry may also bring back significant and difficult memories for our staff and I would like to remind you that [support services](#) are available to you, if you feel you need them.

Likewise, we recognise that the ongoing conflict in Israel and Gaza will be having an impact on colleagues, particularly those of you who have loved ones living in the area. I have no doubt that for the staff members in this situation, it is a particularly anxious time for you, and if you need any support, please speak with your line manager, a member of the HR team or our [support services](#), who will be able to help you.

I would like to update staff about the ongoing work that is underway to ascertain whether Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) is present in any NHSGGC buildings. I am pleased to advise that the next stage of this work, which is the commencement of the national NHS Scotland Assure led survey, will begin in the coming weeks. This means that buildings which have been identified as potentially having RAAC as part of their structure, due to their age or design, will be assessed. Should any of our buildings have RAAC present, further assessment work will be undertaken to determine what action needs to be taken, and we will keep staff updated about relevant progress and findings.

I was pleased to learn that the mobile vaccination bus, operated by colleagues in the Scottish Ambulance Service, which was available for staff at hospital sites received higher than forecasted attendance rates. This is a positive outcome, with both staff and members of the public utilising the service. I would also like to thank our teams of vaccinators for their hard work across all of our community sites, which has enabled a combined total of over 223,000 flu and COVID-19 vaccinations to be administered to date. It remains very important that people who are eligible come forward for their vaccination, so I would like to encourage all staff,

if they haven't done so already, please make arrangements to visit a local community clinic at a time that suits you. Details of how to book an appointment and the list of clinics is available on our [website](#).

This week, our feedback comes from a patient who suffered life changing injuries following a road traffic accident. Our patient writes: "I lost my leg due to a traumatic accident, being knocked down by a bus. I am a lady in my late 70s and I spent 7 months in hospital. I attended WestMARC rehabilitation centre at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital. The physiotherapist, Paddy, helped me a lot, through my anxieties about learning to walk again, encouraged me to take the next steps. He not only helped my me physically but emotionally as well. I am very thankful to Paddy. Thanks to his help I am now gaining some independence in my own home. I am also very grateful for the compassion and care I received from all of the staff in the trauma ward at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital. I was gravely ill, they tried to save my leg but unfortunately it had to removed. They saved my life and I will be forever thankful. I am also very thankful to the physiotherapist, Chris who worked with me when I was in Lightburn Hospital, he worked with me most days calming and pushing me to take on the next challenge to get me home."

I would also like to thank Paddy, Chris and the Trauma team at the QEUH for the excellent care and support you provided to this patient, which has been such an enabling part of her ongoing recovery. Thank you.

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