



**Daily update
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Data Security Spotlight – Suspicious Communications

It is important to remember never to click on any links or open any emails or other messages which look even remotely suspicious. If you suspect you have received anything to your work email address containing malicious content you must report it to: spam@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

New Adverse Weather FAQs published

We are pleased to announce the publication of our updated Adverse Weather Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), developed as part of a comprehensive review following severe weather events at the start of the year. These FAQs have been created in partnership with staff side colleagues, Civil Contingencies, Human Resources, Health and Safety, and Communications, ensuring a collaborative approach that reflects the needs and experiences of our workforce.

This work forms part of our ongoing commitment to organisational resilience and continuous improvement. The FAQs sit alongside the national Adverse Weather Policy. We would like to thank everyone involved for their valuable input and partnership throughout this process.

You can access the new FAQs [here](#). They contain helpful guidance on how to develop local contingencies plans for adverse weather which all services should consider as part of their Business Continuity arrangements.

Staff Money Worries Support Campaign 2025

Do you need help with Money Worries?

The current cost of living crisis has introduced additional pressure to household budgets, which for many of us may already have been stretched. Food and home energy costs have risen dramatically and the costs of childcare and public transport have also increased.

As an accredited Living Wage employer, NHSGGC is committed to paying all staff a rate of pay that is calculated on the cost of living. However, the cost-of-living increases has impacted everyone, and some of us more than others. Now more than ever it is important to support staff who may be experiencing worries about money. This may apply to you, your colleagues, or those you line manage.

Please play your part by sharing with staff the supports that are available to them and by printing this information and leaving in staff areas for those staff who do not have regular access to PC/laptops.

The Support and Information Services (SIS) are available for NHSGGC staff, patients, carers and visitors. They offer a wide range of support including access to the Staff Hardship Fund, links to other community-based advice organisations, including those for money advice, support when struggling during the current cost of living crisis and resolving debt. This makes the SIS the ideal first point of contact for staff needing help and support. To access support visit <https://www.nhsggc.scot/hospitals-services/services-a-to-z/support-and-information-services/> email: sis@ggc.scot.nhs.uk or call **0141 452 2387**.

Information on how to access money worries support can be found on the '**All about money**' staff web page, which contains a range of useful information and resources for our staff including the Home Energy Scotland partnership; NHS Credit Union; Staff benefits and discounts; information and contacts for social security benefits and much more.

You can order money advice leaflets/posters from the PHRD using the links below or scanning the QR codes, top right for the A5 Flyer or right for the A3 Poster.

[Click here](#) to order the A5 Flyer.

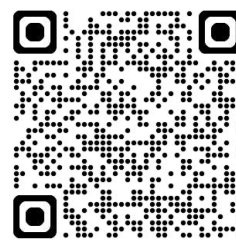
[Click here](#) to order the A3 poster.

Copies can also downloaded from the 'All about money' webpage using the following link [All About Money - NHSGGC](#) or scanning the QR code right.



There is also access to money advice information from the Advice and Support App which is on the Right Decisions Service website.

They can also be accessed using the following link [NHSGGC - Money Advice and Support](#) or scanning the QR code right:



Please print this information off for staff who do not have regular access to PC's/laptops.

Infection Prevention and Control Awareness Week

Let's talk about Vancomycin-resistant enterococci (VRE).

Enterococci are a group of gram-positive bacteria that are naturally present in the human intestine, known as commensals. They are normally harmless with colonisation occurring more frequently than infection, but can be pathogenic and cause bacteraemia, urinary tract infections, and wound and surgical site infections.

Vancomycin-resistant Enterococci (VRE) are enterococci that are resistant to the antibiotic vancomycin making them more difficult to treat. Most vancomycin-resistant Enterococcal infections are healthcare associated with high risk groups including patients with a history of antibiotic use (particularly vancomycin), presence of an invasive medical device and being immunocompromised.



Meet vancomycin-resistant enterococci (a.k.a. VRE)

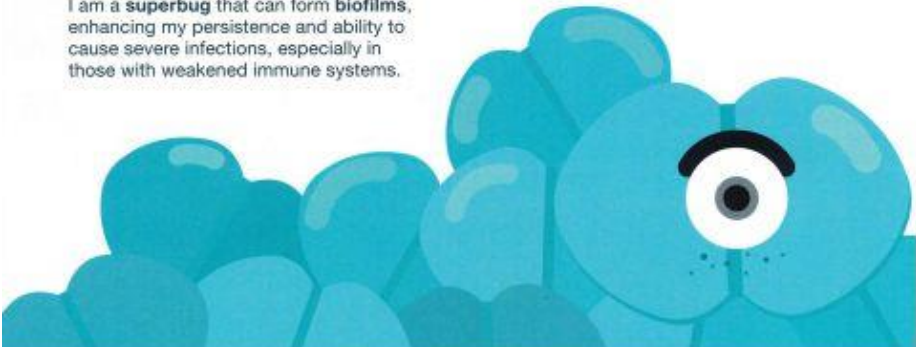
I'm a **highly transmissible, multidrug-resistant virus** normally found in the gut and known to cause serious healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) due to my **resistance** to the antibiotic, vancomycin.

How do I spread and survive?

I am **highly transmissible** in healthcare settings, spreading through **direct contact** (*skin, bodily fluids*) and **indirect contact** (contaminated surfaces: *toilets, sinks and tables* or shared medical equipment: *thermometers and blood pressure cuffs*). I am a **superbug** that can form **biofilms**, enhancing my persistence and ability to cause severe infections, especially in those with weakened immune systems.

How can you stop me?

Prevention is key. Robust cleaning protocols and disinfectants proven effective against VRE are essential to stop transmission and outbreaks. Performing regular hand hygiene is key to breaking the chain of infection.



Remember, for all your latest news stories, visit the Staffnet Hub:

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



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It is important to share Core Brief with colleagues who do not have access to a computer.

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