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Core Brief



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Today marks World Hepatitis Day - discover how you can play your part

Today marks World Hepatitis Day. Worldwide 287 million people are thought to be living with viral hepatitis. It is a leading cause of liver cancer worldwide.



Hepatitis is both preventable and treatable. Knowing the facts can protect you and others. Find out more about hepatitis by visiting [Hepatitis B | NHS inform](#) and [Hepatitis C | NHS inform](#)

In Greater Glasgow and Clyde we are already working hard to support national targets to eliminate Hepatitis C in Scotland, including with the introduction of opt out testing through our emergency department at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary.

All staff can play their part by:

- **Educating themselves about blood borne viruses** (<https://nhs.learnprouk.com/> and [Blood borne viruses \(BBV\) | Turas | Learn](#)) and knowing where to signpost people to for further advice and testing.
- **Testing individuals who have symptoms or conditions associated with blood borne viruses** for example abnormal liver function tests, signs of chronic liver disease, right upper quadrant pain. [Blood Borne viruses, testing, diagnosis and referral \(209\) | Right Decisions](#)

- **Referring or vaccinating individuals** who may be at higher risk for example those with chronic liver or kidney disease, people who inject drugs, those travelling to high prevalence countries, men who have sex with men.
- **Getting vaccinated** against hepatitis B if eligible.
- **Getting tested.** Earlier diagnosis supports improved outcomes. Testing can be accessed via a number of settings across Greater Glasgow and Clyde including Alcohol and Drug Recovery Services, GP practices, Sandyford Sexual Health Services and Third Sector Partners such as [Waverley Care](#).

What does a safe and respectful team feel like? An insight into our iMatter action planning

As teams across NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHSGGC) review their [iMatter](#) results and develop local action plans, teams often focus on communication, managing workload and team working.

This year we would like to encourage teams to consider in their discussions staff experience of dignity, respect and feeling safe to [speak up](#). A good question to ask is: What would help our team feel safer, more respectful and more able to speak up?

Examples of actions in local plans include:

- Teams reminding staff about how they can raise issues and suggestions locally or through [Speak Up](#) services.
- Sharing resources around specific issues, such as [Cut It Out and ESaW](#) programmes [training options](#) and [resources](#).
- Discuss dignity and respect in everyday behaviour.
- Promote learning and training opportunities such as [Active Bystander training](#) or;
- How colleague's concerns will be listened to, responded to and taken seriously.

A respectful workplace is built through everyday actions. By using iMatter action planning to support these conversations, every team can help make NHSGGC a place where staff feel safe, valued and supported.

Read the full Staffnet article [here](#).

Support and advice are available to any member of staff who has experienced harassment, VAW or GBV:

Support Available to Staff			
1.	Your Line Management	9.	Home Civility Saves Lives
2.	Confidential Contacts - NHSGGC	10.	The SARC Service - Turn to SARCS
3.	HR Support & Advice Unit – contact them via the HR Self Service Portal or calling 0141 278 2700 (Option 2)	11.	Women's Aid – Support and Advice
4.	Bullying and Harassment helpline on 0141 201 8545	12.	Scottish Domestic Abuse and Forced Marriage Helpline - Here
5.	Speak Up! - NHSGGC	13.	Violence Reduction Service (Health & Safety)
6.	Spiritual Care Services	14.	Stalking and Harassment Risk Assessment
7.	Occupational Health Services	15.	Police Scotland - Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse
8.	Peer Support Network - NHSGGC	16.	Trade Union and Professional Organisation

NHSGGC Mouth Care Guideline for Adults

The new NHSGGC Mouth Care Guideline for Adults is now in place, supporting safe, consistent and person-centred mouth care across all adult care settings.

Good mouth care is essential to dignity, comfort, nutrition, communication and infection prevention. The guideline provides clear, practical guidance on:

- Oral assessment
- Essential mouth care
- Appropriate equipment and products
- Documentation and referral pathways

The guideline clarifies roles and expectations and supports staff to work confidently within their scope of practice, using local processes and professional judgement.

Please share this guidance with teams to support consistent mouth care practice across adult services.

Access the resources

🔗 [Mouth care for Adults within NHSGGC \(1286\) | Right Decisions](#)

The full clinical guideline, including detailed assessment, care and referral guidance.

🔗 [Mouth Care Guideline for Adults within NHSGGC – What You Need to](#)

Know

Highlighting the key points from the guideline and what staff need to know.

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