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Dr Lesley Thomson KC and Professor Jann Gardner visit Friends of GRI



Dr Lesley Thomson KC, NHSGGC Chair, and Professor Jann Gardner, NHSGGC Chief Executive, paid a visit to the Friends of Glasgow Royal Infirmary (FoGRI) Museum and Gardens yesterday.

Their visit highlighted the importance of celebrating the rich heritage of healthcare in Glasgow and at GRI, as well as the ongoing efforts to create welcoming green spaces for staff, patients, and visitors.

The GRI Museum, officially opened on 31 May 2022, showcases the hospital's remarkable contributions to medicine, surgery, and nursing. Exhibitions include the history of vaccinations in Scotland and the history of GRI buildings from 1794 to the present day. Visitors can also explore displays dedicated to the hospital's bee project and garden initiatives.

Dr Thomson and Professor Gardner toured the museum and the surrounding gardens with trustees of the FoGRI, Dr Kate Stevens, Consultant Nephrologist, and Dr Hilary Wilson, Consultant Rheumatologist. These spaces, brought to life through

the dedication of staff and volunteers, and supported by donations, offer a peaceful retreat and a vibrant celebration of nature and history.

Dr Stevens said, “We were delighted to welcome Dr Thomson and Professor Gardner to the Friends of GRI Museum and Gardens and have the opportunity to show them round the museum, and in particular, the garden areas. We have been working hard to try to improve the GRI greenspace, and we want staff and patients, as well as visitors, to make use of these spaces.

“The visit today reflects the value placed on both preserving Glasgow Royal Infirmary’s distinguished history and the conservation work being undertaken by volunteers to improve the greenspaces. These initiatives help make people feel that they are part of something special and are vital for staff and patient wellbeing.”

Visitors are encouraged to explore the exhibitions and learn more about the GRI’s enduring legacy in global healthcare. The museum is a testament to the innovation, compassion, and community spirit that continue to define NHSGGC.

Museum Opening Times

Tuesday to Friday: 11.00am – 3.00pm

Saturday: 12.00pm – 2.00pm

Admission is free.

Entry is via the Cathedral Precinct, with disabled access available through the main hospital entrance on Castle Street.



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