

# Core Brief



## **Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive (3 November 2023, 10.30am)**

The Scottish Health Awards took place last night in Edinburgh and I am delighted to share with you that staff from NHSGGC and our HSCPs were celebrating after winning the awards for Innovation and Tackling Health Inequalities, along with Midwife and Leader of the Year. This prestigious annual event is a fantastic way for Health Boards across Scotland to showcase talent and recognise staff who have gone above and beyond to make a real difference to their patients, service users and their colleagues. The award winners are;

**Innovation Award** - Douglas Bell, Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Kirkintilloch Health & Care Centre, East Dunbartonshire HSCP.

**Midwife Award** - Jane Howie, Midwife, Princess Royal Maternity Unit.

**Leader of the Year** - Derek Kennedy, Team Leader, Alcohol & Drug Recovery Service, Renfrewshire HSCP.

**Tackling Health Inequalities** – The Amma Birth Companions, a charity working with NHSGGC.

I would like to congratulate all of our winners, you should be exceptionally proud of yourselves. I would also like to thank all of our staff who nominated colleagues, so we can share the great work that our staff carry out every day.

I would also like to wish our NHSGGC administration staff team the very best of luck following their nomination at the HR Network Awards 2023 for their hard work to deliver the professional administration career pathway model. This new way of working has been very beneficial to staff working in our Administration teams and I would like to wish you all the very best of luck at the award ceremony that takes place on Thursday 9 November.

On Wednesday, our staff were raising awareness of the importance of supporting people with learning disabilities and their families as part of Learning Disability Nurses Day. For our patients with learning disabilities, it is so important that our staff are able to support and communicate effectively, so that we can provide the correct treatment and care. I would like to thank all of our Learning Disability

Nurses and Practitioners for your continued hard work and commitment to people in our local communities with learning disabilities.

Our vaccination teams have been working hard in recent weeks to deliver our Autumn/Winter COVID and flu vaccinations to staff and members of our local communities. Being vaccinated remains the most effective way to lessen the impact of flu and COVID, particularly during the winter months and, therefore, it is very important that all eligible staff come forward to receive your vaccination. I would like to encourage those of you who are yet to be vaccinated to please make an appointment or attend one of our [local drop-in sessions](#).

I am pleased to advise staff that we have received confirmation that the national NHS Scotland Assure survey on NHSGGC buildings, which is being carried out to ascertain whether Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) is present, will commence on Monday 13 November and will take place over three consecutive weeks. This will initially prioritise areas of Inverclyde Royal Hospital, Royal Alexandra Hospital and Gartnavel General Hospital sites as well as some local health centres. We will update staff about the results of the survey work in due course.

This week, our patient feedback is about our GP Out of Hours service at Stobhill. Our patient writes: "Further to my referral, followed by my attendance at Stobhill Hospital Out of Hours Minor Injuries Department, at 11PM on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October, I should like to thank and compliment the on-duty doctor and all staff who attended to me and treated me with such care, respect and consideration. Notwithstanding certain media negativity, my experience and that of my family over a very long period in time is one of considerable satisfaction and assurance in times of need. Please convey my sentiments to all those involved in my aforementioned attendance and all at Stobhill Ambulatory Care."

I understand from the service, that Dr Sri Krishnamoorthy and Primary Care Nurse, Karen Blyth were two of the team who cared for this patient and I would like to thank you both and all other staff members on duty for the excellent care you provided.

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