

Core brief

Daily update
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- Report from the Health and Safety Forum

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The Forum meets on a quarterly basis with representation from all local Health and Safety Forums. It aims to update on areas of performance, risk, and good practice, which we all have a responsibility to share and improve on.

The Forum is co-chaired by Natalie Smith, Interim Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development, and Andrew McCready, Staff Side Lead - Health and Safety.



The Forum also presents the opportunity for each of the local Health and Safety Committees across NHSGGC and Staffside Safety Representatives to speak for their areas while providing updates on their key issues, share learning and work collaboratively to make our workplaces safer.

The latest meeting of the Forum took place on Wednesday 20 August 2025. Key highlights reported at the meeting included:

Ligature Awareness and Suicide Prevention

The Forum received an update on ongoing ligature reduction and suicide prevention training. The focus is on ensuring all relevant staff groups have access to appropriate training and support for staff affected by suicide in their personal or professional lives. Progress is being tracked, and further updates will be provided as the training rollout continues.

A campaign is also planned around Suicide Awareness Week in September, with video and additional resources for staff being prepared. The Ligature Awareness e-learning module can be found on LearnPro [here](#).

Radiation Safety

The Forum discussed the IRR17 registration that is now ready for submission, with Health Physics recommending that departments prepare the necessary documentation prior to any communication from the HSE regarding consents.

There are also ongoing challenges with radioactive waste accumulation due to delays with the disposal contractor, and this is being escalated for resolution. The team is also working to improve readiness for emergency transport of radioactive materials as part of the upcoming DGSA (Dangerous Goods Safety Advisor) report.

SHaW Task Calendar Compliance

The Forum heard how compliance with the SHaW Task Calendar has decreased, with only 43% of departments currently using it, down from 55% previously.

The Forum discussed the need to improve uptake and ensure departments are completing required health and safety tasks. Plans are in place to enhance reporting, audit compliance, and communicate the importance of the calendar to relevant teams. A digital storyboard is being developed to streamline reporting and reduce duplication.

More information on the SHaW Task Calendar can be found on Staffnet [here](#).

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