

Core brief

Daily update

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MHRA Safety Alert: Medical beds, trolleys, bed rails, bed grab handles and lateral turning devices

In response to a recent MHRA safety alert, a multi-disciplinary working group has been established and an action plan developed to ensure that NHSGGC and all associated health and social care partnerships comply with the required actions. The executive lead for this work is Professor Angela Wallace, Nurse Director.

The required actions from this alert will impact practice and workload across acute and community health and social care services across NHSGGC.

The established working group is progressing guidance, risk assessments and operating procedures at pace, to ensure adherence to the requirements of this safety alert. Patients in receipt of this equipment will be identified and reassessed to ensure the equipment continues to meet individuals' clinical and care needs. Service leads across health and social care teams will need to work adaptively to meet these review requirements.

Until this work is complete current equipment risk assessment and documentation practice should continue. A public communication will be actioned to encourage the return of equipment that is no longer needed.

For further information please contact either Margaret Jackson, Team Lead, District Nursing on Margaret.Jackson@ggc.scot.nhs.uk or Samantha Flower, Occupational Therapy Professional Lead for Partnerships, Samantha.Flower@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.

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Referral for organ donation and transplant

It is important that all patients likely to benefit from a transplant are offered the opportunity and we would encourage all clinical staff to identify and discuss transplantation with any patient who may be eligible for and likely to benefit from a transplant.

Receiving a transplant can make an enormous difference to people's lives and we need to increase organ, tissue donation and transplants to enable more people who desperately need a transplant to access one.

When appropriate, we need clinical staff to remember the importance of timely referral for consideration of transplantation and to speak to patients with end-stage organ disease. We know this is a difficult conversation to have, and thank clinical staff who care for patients with end-stage organ disease for talking to them and referring them on.

The new opt-out system means that most adults will be considered to be a potential donor, unless they opted out of donating, however, if family and friends say no then no donation will take place, so patients need to be aware they should discuss donation wishes with family or friends, so their decision can be respected when they die.

Transplant referral data and transplantation rates for NHSGGC are presented in the table below with the range for Scotland also indicated for comparison.

Adult Referral and Transplantation Rates, per 100,000 total population for NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and Scottish Average, 2017-2022

Organ	Referral rate (NHSGGC)	Referral rate (Scotland)	Transplantation rate (NHSGGC)	Transplantation rate (Scotland)
Kidney	62.1	46.6	29.5	22.5
Liver	20.6	14.8	9.0	7.5
Lung	7.9	6.0	0.9	0.9
Heart	13.4	9.4	1.9	1.6
Pancreas	3.7	3.2	1.0	1.3
Islets	1.9	1.8	1.0	0.9

If you have any queries on how to refer a patient and what criteria needs to be met for transplantation, please contact the relevant transplant unit team. Details below:

Glasgow Transplant Unit

- Adult Kidney Transplants

Contact: Mr John Asher - john.asher@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

Golden Jubilee National Hospital, Glasgow

- Heart Transplants

Contact: Dr Jonathan Dalzell - jonathan.dalzell@gjnh.scot.nhs.uk

Edinburgh Transplant Unit

- Kidney Transplant
- Pancreas Transplant
- Liver Transplant
- Islet cell Transplant
- Simultaneous Pancreas-kidney Transplant
- Simultaneous Islet-kidney Transplant

Contact: Mr John Casey - j.casey@ed.ac.uk

Freeman Hospital, Newcastle

- Lung Transplants

Contact: Dr Gerard Meachery - g.meachery@nhs.net

Active Staff: Online and face-to-face class booking



If you are planning to attend one of the Active Staff weekly classes please remember you must register using Active Staff online booking system first.

Some of our classes have been withdrawn recently due to low registration numbers so you may turn up and find the class has been cancelled or no longer running.

There is also a health and safety implication for classes that are face-to-face and particularly those indoors due to restricted numbers. Please do not turn up for an indoor class without booking.

It's really important that we gather accurate participant numbers as well as demographic information when reporting back to our funders. This also helps us to see who may be missing out and will inform our future planning so please use the online registration system, it's very important.

To book your session(s) please use the link below which will take you to the Active Staff webpage where you will find the registration form or scan the QR code.

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Thanks for your co-operation and enjoy your class!

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Getting the right care this winter is as easy as ABC

A
Ask yourself
Do I need to go out?
For information on treating minor illnesses and injuries from home, go to **NHS inform** or download the **NHS 24 App**.

B
Be aware
There is help on your doorstep. Your local **GP, pharmacy** or **optician** offer a range of services.

C
Call 111
If it's urgent, or you're unsure, call **NHS 24** on **111**. They'll get you the care you need.

Unless it's an emergency think ABC before visiting A&E.
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