

# Core brief

**Daily update**  
**(31 July 2025, 10.30am)**

Topics in this Core Brief include:

- Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme – compliance required
- Visit to the Centre of Integrative Care
- New Look LearnPro launched
- Join the first Clyde Falls Forum to upskill in falls prevention and care

## **Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme – compliance required**

Disclosure Scotland has implemented significant changes from 1 July 2025. These changes mean that membership of the PVG Scheme becomes mandatory for anyone in a 'regulated role'. Further information on these changes is available via the following links:

[Changes to Protecting Vulnerable Groups scheme](#)  
[Changes to our services - Disclosure Scotland](#)  
[Pay and Conditions of Service - NHSGGC](#)

It is a criminal offence for a person to work in a regulated role without a PVG check from 1 July 2025.

All staff in regulated roles were required to be PVG members, or have submitted their application, by **30 June 2025**. Employees who have not yet submitted their application must do so by **Sunday 10 August 2025**.

Failure to apply by this date, without valid extenuating circumstances, will lead to a formal investigation under the NHS Scotland Workforce Investigation Policy.

Managers should contact employees who are at work and have not applied using the template letter (available on [HR Connect](#)), sent via email, post, or made available in the workplace.

If no application is submitted by 10 August 2025 and no valid reason is given, managers must contact the **HR Support and Advice Unit** to begin a formal investigation process.

It is understood that there may be extenuating circumstances why an employee has been unable to submit their PVG application. This may include, but is not exhaustive to:

- Employee has been identified as being in a regulated role after the deadline of 30 June 2025.
- System errors with submitting the PVG application
- Employee has been required to request replacement copies of identification,

Managers must complete a review form: [Extenuating Circumstances Form](#). A panel will determine if an extension (2 or 4 weeks) is granted.

### **Employees on Leave**

Staff on long-term leave (e.g. sickness, family leave) must have been informed. If not, this must be addressed during return-to-work planning. Upon return, they have 2 weeks to apply. If they fail to do so, and no extenuating circumstances exist, an investigation will begin.

For more information visit [HR Connect](#).

### **Visit to the Centre of Integrative Care**



This week, the NHSGGC Centre for Integrative Care welcomed NHSGGC Chair Dr Lesley Thomson KC, Non-Executive Board Member Michelle Wailes, and the Regional Services team for a tour of its award-winning facility at Gartnavel Hospitals.

The Centre supports people living with long-term conditions, particularly chronic pain, fatigue, and low mood, through a holistic approach that promotes wellbeing, resilience, and self-care. Patients benefit from a coordinated mix of health coaching, therapeutic practices, and non-drug interventions designed to enhance vitality and quality of life.

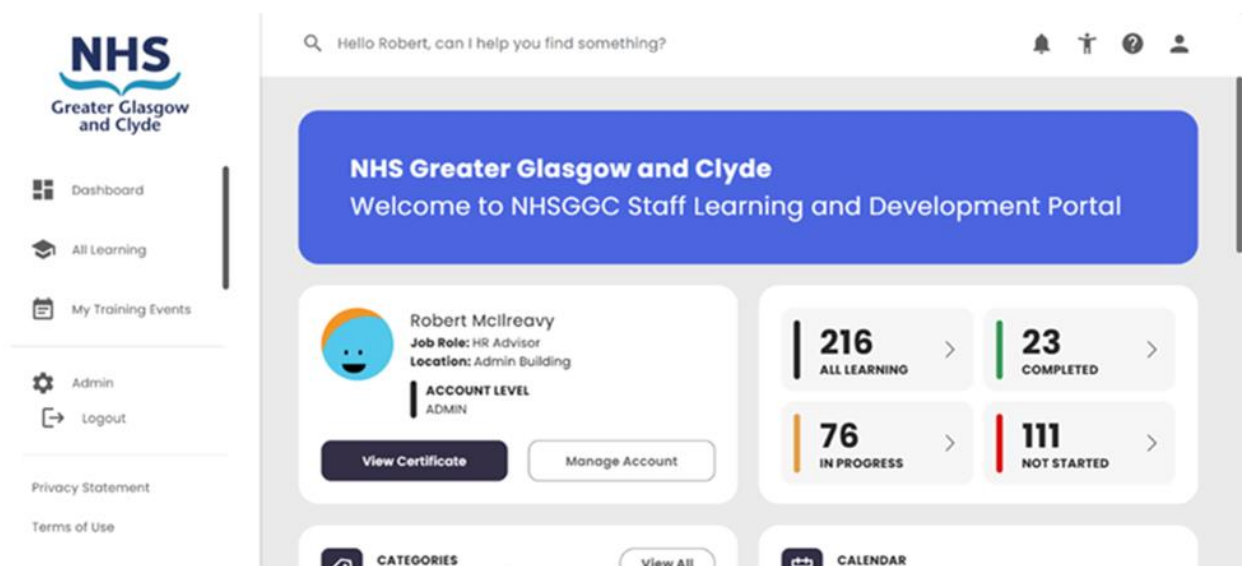
Visitors explored the calming spaces where therapies take place, including a gym, group therapy room, library, scenic gardens, and a dedicated relaxation zone for patients.

You can find out more about on the Friends of Integrative Care website. [Home - Friends of NHS Centre for Integrative Care](#)



## New Look LearnPro launched

There will be a new look to LearnPro from today (31 July 2025). Here's what the new Home Page looks like. The welcome guide will help you navigate the new layout and introduce the new features: [Welcome Guide \(New UI\)](#)





## Join the first Clyde Falls Forum to upskill in falls prevention and care

As part of Falls Awareness Week (15 – 19 September 2025), the first Clyde Falls Forum will take place on 17 September, inviting all staff across NHS GGC to learn more on falls risk reduction and management.

One in three people over 65 fall each year (rising to one in two aged 80 or over). Glasgow, has over 87,000 people aged over 65, translating to around 29,000 falls each year. Over a third of falls result in an injury that requires medical attention or a decrease in activity levels for at least one day, so has a real impact on NHSGGC services.

The event will include presentations on:

- Falls Overview and Updated NICE Guideline 249 (Dr Alasdair Macrae, NHSGGC)
- Exercise and Falls (Prof Dawn Skelton, Glasgow Caledonian University)
- Bone Health (Dr Lisa Hutton, NHSGGC)
- Falls Risk Increasing Drugs (FRIDs) and Deprescribing

There will also be small group interactive workshops providing attendees with insights into health conditions that increase falls risk, skills in assessing people at risk of falling, and how to get someone up from the floor safely.

**Date:** Wednesday 17 September 2025

**Time: 9.00 – 4.10**

**Location:** Lecture Theatre 2 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital

**Course fee: FREE!**

**CPD: 5 hours approved**

***Suitable for all healthcare professionals in primary/secondary care.***

Staff can sign up for the event using [this link on eESS](#).

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*This event is organised by Dr Alasdair Macrae (Consultant in Orthogeriatrics and Falls Reduction Medicine, British Geriatric Society Falls and Bone Health Specialist Interest Group Chair, and National Falls Prevention Coordination Group Chair),*




# Reduce Falls Together

## Falls Awareness Week




### 1st Clyde Falls Forum Programme

#### 15<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025

*Join us for a day focused on reducing falls & improving practice and knowledge.*

**This event aims to bring together healthcare professionals dedicated to reducing falls and promoting patient safety in various clinical settings. Through expert-led sessions, practical demonstrations and shared learning experiences, we aim to enhance our understanding, refine our strategies and inspire ongoing improvements to reduce falls.**

*Let's learn, collaborate and take meaningful steps toward providing safer care.*

0900 - Registration and Welcome	
<b>SESSION 1</b>  <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg); font-weight: bold; margin-right: 5px;">09:40-10:05</div> <div> <p><b>Talks:</b> Dr Alexander Macdonald, Consultant in Falls and Orthogeriatrics, Royal Alexandra Hospital and Chair of British Geriatrics Society Falls and Bone Health Specialist interest group</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg); font-weight: bold; margin-right: 5px;">10:05-10:30</div> <div> <p><b>Topic:</b> <i>Reducing pressure, beds and falls – get us up safely!</i> – Prof. David Graham, Ageing and Health, Glasgow Caledonian University</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg); font-weight: bold; margin-right: 5px;">10:30</div> <div> <p style="text-align: center; color: #0070C0;"><b>Coffee</b></p> </div> </div>	<p><b>Session 1</b> will extend until 11:00 (unpublished)</p> <p><b>How to get up safely from the floor:</b> – Alison McDonald, Movement and Handling – Dr Louise Hinchey, Medical Director, Western London, Clinical Nurse Educator, Royal Alexandra Hospital</p> <p><b>Dr. David Macdonald:</b> – Viki Gray &amp; Emma Telf, Band 6 Psychogeriatrics, Royal Alexandra Hospital</p>
<b>SESSION 2</b>  <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg); font-weight: bold; margin-right: 5px;">11:00-11:30</div> <div> <p><b>Workshops:</b> <i>Workshops will extend until 11:30 (unpublished)</i></p> <p><b>11:30-12:00:</b> – Dr Alexander Macdonald – Emma Telf, Mobility Scotland</p> <p><b>12:00-12:30:</b> – Dr Alexander Macdonald – Christine Walsh, MRP Consultant in Dementia, GDAE</p> <p><b>12:30-1:00:</b> – Dr Catherine Boyd, Dr. Jackie, Catherine Nurse Advisor</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg); font-weight: bold; margin-right: 5px;">11:00-11:30</div> <div> <p style="text-align: center; color: #0070C0;"><b>Coffee</b></p> </div> </div>	<p><b>Workshops and Talks:</b> – Jennifer Crawford, Lead Clinical Pharmacist, Older People and Stroke Service Clyde</p> <p><b>11:30-12:00:</b> – Dr Lesley Thomas, Consultant Rheumatologist, Inverclyde Falls Hospital</p>
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**Clyde Falls Forum – 17/09/25**

Lecture Theatre 2, Royal Alexandra Hospital

Suitable for ALL health care professionals

Register for FREE using eBSSE

5 CPD credits available

Tea and coffee will be provided.

Please bring your own travel mug if you are having a cuppa.

For more information please contact: [shona.mackinnon@nhs.scot](mailto:shona.mackinnon@nhs.scot) or [alexandra.macroenbs@nhs.scot](mailto:alexandra.macroenbs@nhs.scot)

Shona Mackinnon (Clyde Falls Coordinator Specialist), and Steven Lorimer (Clinical Nurse Educator for OPSS - Clyde).

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[GGC-Staffnet Hub - Home \(sharepoint.com\)](#)



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have access to a computer.  
A full archive of printable PDFs are available on [website](#)