

Core brief

Daily update

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COVID symptomatic staff

In accordance with [CMO\(2023\)12.pdf \(scot.nhs.uk\)](#), all routine COVID testing has been paused; therefore staff themselves are no longer required to undertake any LFD testing for COVID-19.

If a member of staff has symptoms consistent with COVID they should follow the advice from NHS Inform to stay at home and avoid contact with others:

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/covid19>.

At present, COVID Special Leave is still in place for members of staff who have symptoms consistent with COVID. If the member of staff is unfit to return to work following the COVID Special Leave the absence will revert and be recorded as COVID related sick leave.

Speak Up Week 2023

Speak Up Week is an opportunity to engage staff about the benefits of speaking up and the difference it can make within the NHS in Scotland.



Senior leaders across our organisation are committed to supporting staff to speak up, raise issues and help to make NHSGGC a better workplace for all.

Here's what William Edwards, Chief Operating Officer (COO) for Acute Services, says about the importance of Speak Up: "As COO for Acute Services, I am a strong advocate for staff having the confidence to speak up; whether that be via their line manager or via the HR or whistleblowing processes in place throughout the organisation. Patient and staff wellbeing is of the utmost importance, and is at the core of everything we do. Unfortunately, things can go wrong, that is why it is important we support our colleagues in their ability to raise their concerns in a safe space. Learning from feedback is integral for us as a Board to ensure we continue to develop and grow to allow us to provide the best possible care for our patients. I am confident in our systems, and would encourage colleagues to use the processes available to them when they are needed."

You can find out more about the range of ways you can speak up on our [Speak Up! intranet site](#). This includes a downloadable guide and a downloadable one page sheet, with all the options and support available to you.

If you want to tell us more about how we can make it easier for staff to Speak up!, please complete our short anonymous questionnaire:

<https://forms.office.com/e/UuxRiHHieh>

Transport update

M8 Woodside Viaduct

From 8.00pm on Friday 6 October until 6.00am on Monday 9 October, A804 Dobbie's Loan eastbound traffic will be diverted to Cowcaddens Road and then onto Port Dundas Road.

Battlefield Road closure

From Monday 9 October 2023 until Friday 24 November 2023, Battlefield Road will be closed to traffic between Overdale Avenue and Overdale Gardens. A diversion has been agreed with Glasgow City Council along Grange Road and Langside Road. Pavements will remain open to pedestrians and for access to local businesses, but this could cause delay for travel to and from New Victoria Hospital.

Staff are reminded to make sure their [personal contact details are up to date on eESS](#).

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