

Core brief

Daily update

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Excellence Awards

There is just under a week left to get your entries into the prestigious NHSGGC Excellence Awards.



You can nominate any member or team of staff that you feel have made a special difference to their patients, colleagues or improved our ways of working.

Each and every day our staff deliver outstanding patient care and go that extra mile to ensure our patients and their families receive the optimum in patient care - and we really want you to tell us about them!

Remember, we are not just looking to celebrate the tremendous efforts of our staff, we are also looking for services that staff have moulded to patients' needs or projects that have transformed the way they work.

This year's categories are: Better Care; Better Health; Better Value; Better Workplace: Global Citizenship; Nursing; and Volunteer.

To nominate visit, www.nhsggc.scot/excellenceawards. The closing date for entries is Sunday 12 February 2023.

Staff Engagement Session: Sustainability and Value Programme

New date: Monday 20 February 2023, 12.00pm-1.00pm

The Financial Improvement Programme (FIP) is getting a makeover for 2023 and will soon become the Sustainability and Value Programme. Join Paul McKenna, Head of Financial Improvement to learn more about the re-launch, ask any questions about financial sustainability and improvement and find out how you and your team can get involved in the programme.

We're also seeking your input to help choose new branding for the Endowments Fund. The Endowments Fund is the NHSGGC charitable scheme, where you can apply for funding to support activities that are not covered by core funding and are beneficial to staff and patients. This may include patient and staff comforts and amenities, including the provision of extra facilities, such as hospital garden spaces which are not financed through NHS nor government funding.

This interactive session will last one hour. Please use the MS Teams links below to register:

[Webinar registration | Microsoft Teams](#)

Active Staff – Guided Health Walk



Our next Guided Health Walk is available to book now! On Saturday 25 February, we are heading to Croy Hill and the Antonine Wall circuit. This interesting circular route takes in two Roman hill forts on the Antonine Wall, both good viewpoints, as well as the Forth and Clyde Canal. The route starts and finishes at Auchinstarry Marina on the canal.

Croy Hill offers commanding views over the surrounding landscape, including the Firth of Forth and hills of Fife to the east, the Kilsyth Hills to the north, and the next fort at Bar Hill to the west. Croy Hill fort was one of 16 known forts along the Antonine Wall, which was built across Scotland's central belt from AD 140. The wall formed the north-western frontier of the Roman Empire.

This walk will take between 4-5 hours at a moderate pace. Total distance is approximately nine miles. [Please click here to book!](#)

Upcoming Postal Disruption

Royal Mail has confirmed that there will be strike action taking place on **Thursday 16 February**.

While talks between Royal Mail and the Communication Workers Union (CWU) continue in an attempt to avert industrial action, NHSGGC staff are asked to post items as early as possible in advance of the strike dates in order to minimise potential disruption.

If something isn't right, let's talk about...
Whistleblowing



Whistleblowing

This is a way you can formally raise concerns about an issue that is in the public interest, such as patient safety or suspected malpractice. You can find out more information about the whistleblowing process by visiting National Whistleblowing Standards | INWO (spsa.org.uk). To submit a formal whistleblowing concern, please email ggc.whistleblowing@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.



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