

Core brief

Daily update

(6 March 2023, 4.00pm)

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Scottish Apprenticeship Week – 6-10 March 2023

As a Young Persons Guarantee Employer, and supporter of the Developing the Young Workforce strategy, we are delighted to be supporting the national campaign for Scottish Apprenticeship Week over the course of this week.

Scottish Apprenticeship Week provides an opportunity for employers to celebrate the role apprenticeships play in unlocking the potential of young people through foundation, modern, technical and graduate apprenticeship pathways.



In the last ten years we have supported hundreds of people to join our workforce through our Apprenticeship Programme. It offers us an extremely valuable mechanism to attract, train and retain a skilled workforce and it provides an important development pathway for existing colleagues.

Throughout this week we will be showcasing some of our recent apprentice trainees and highlighting the forthcoming apprenticeship opportunities we will be recruiting to over the next few months. There will be a range of opportunities in administration, trades posts with estates, dental nursing, finance, engineering with medical equipment management, pharmacy technician and facilities roles.

There will be daily updates on our social media channels but information can also be found at our Apprenticeship Programme webpages at: <https://www.nhsggc.scot/apprenticeships> (where you can join our mailing list for alerts) or by contacting Mark Goldie, Employability Officer at: mark.goldie@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.

NHSGGC confirmatory sample rule, previously known as ‘second sample’

For the attention of all staff involved in clinical blood transfusion practice within NHSGGC.

It has been highlighted that the confirmatory sample rule, previously called second sample rule is not being adhered to in some cases.

New safety alerts have been added to Blood Transfusion TrakCare systems and forms to ensure staff are aware of the confirmatory sample rule. Further information is available: [click this link](#).

Two TrakCare updates will go live across NHSGGC on **Wednesday 8 March 2023**.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Transfusion Practitioners, Louisa Wood: Louisa.Wood@nhs.scot or Tina Watson: Tina.Watson2@nhs.scot.

Sustainable healthcare in the climate emergency: Join us to find out how we’re responding to the environmental crisis

When: Wednesday 22 March, 12:00 – 13:30

Where: QEUH Lecture theatre / MS Teams

As part of NHSGGC’s net-zero ambition, our Clinical Sustainability Group has organised a special event to help inform, encourage and support staff to learn about and implement new systems of resilient, sustainable and realistic healthcare. Hear from Scotland’s Chief Medical Officer, Professor Sir Gregor Smith, alongside other NHS staff and leaders who will present on the challenges and opportunities facing the health service in responding to the climate emergency. The event will be chaired by Dr Scott Davidson, Deputy Medical Director for acute services, and will run as follows:

Timeline:

12.00: Welcome

12.05: CMO Keynote Address - Professor Sir Gregor Smith, CMO



12.20: NHSGGC Metered Dose Inhalers Project- Dr Peter Cawston, GP,
Garscadden Burn Medical Practice
12.35: Sustainable Change - Drs Alice Harpur and Patrick Farrell, Scottish Clinical
Leadership Fellows
12.50: Realistic Medicine - Mrs Rebecca Campbell, Consultant in Public Health,
NHSGGC
13.05: Plenary discussion
13.30: Close

Please follow this [link to register your interest](#) to attend either in person or via MS Teams and to receive a copy of the recorded session.

Please email any enquiries to Ola Micherdzinska, Assistant Sustainability Officer on ola.micherdzinska@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.

All About Money staff support

As an accredited Living Wage employer, NHSGGC is committed to paying all staff including contractors a rate of pay that is calculated on the cost of living. However, the cost of living increases are affecting everyone, and some of us more than others. Now more than ever it is important to support staff who may be experiencing worries about money. This may apply to you, your colleagues, or those you line manage. Please play your part by sharing with staff the supports that are available to them.

The 'All About Money' staff webpage is designed to enable staff to access information and support on a range of issues including home energy savings and budgeting, childcare, social security benefits, caring responsibilities and information from the NHS Credit Union, visit:

[NHSGGC : Staff Health - All about money](#)

Staff can search for 'money advice' using this link to NHS Inform: [Health and wellbeing services | NHS inform](#) to find local services who can offer information and support on a range of topics including money advice (remember to add in your postcode at the top).

By printing off this information and placing it in staff areas or pinning to staff notice boards, it will allow those who do not have regular access to a PC or laptop at work to access our webpage.

This has been brought to you by the Staff Health Strategy: [Staff Health Strategy 2021-2023 - NHSGGC](#).





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