

Core brief

Daily update

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A record 700 graduate nurses join NHSGGC

A record 700 Newly Qualified Nurses (NQNs) and Midwives have joined NHSGGC as part of this year's graduate intake for 2022.

The new staff will play a crucial role in support the health service as it continues to respond to COVID-19 and wider healthcare challenges.

The vast majority of nurses and midwives have come from universities across the West of Scotland. Smaller numbers come from further afield in Scotland and England.

The nurses will be working across all NHSGGC hospitals, and in the community across all six HSCP areas.

Professor Angela Wallace, Director of Nursing has welcomed staff in [a video](#) message. She said: "With 700 additional nurses and midwives joining the wards, we expect to see a significant positive impact on the delivery of services across sites in coming weeks and months."

“Nurses and midwives form the backbone of our core work-force, lead the way in delivering person centred compassionate care and are as ambassadors for the NHS. I’m proud to see so many choose to join NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde this year. They will be a huge asset to the service and with experience already gained, will be invaluable in supporting us as we move into the winter period.”



Have you booked your COVID-19 booster and flu vaccinations yet?

Staff who haven't yet booked their COVID-19 booster and flu vaccination should do so now. While the clinics are currently busy vaccinating those most at risk, we ask that staff who are not yet vaccinated to please log on now and book your appointment for a couple of weeks' time.

You can book easily via www.nhsinform.scot/wintervaccines or by calling 0800 030 8013 and can choose from a number of venues which are listed on our website: [NHSGGC - Autumn/Winter Vaccination 2022 - NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde or you can also get your flu vaccination one of our community pharmacies. You can find a list of pharmacies administering the flu vaccine at: NHS Community Pharmacy Website \(scot.nhs.uk\).](#)

Remember, you will need to have your username and password to book your appointment. If you do not remember your username or password, please use the following link to NHS Inform [Login - Customer Service \(nhs.scot\)](#) which details the whole process and how to get a reminder of your username.

All health and social care staff will be eligible to receive the winter flu vaccination. However, only those with face-to-face contact with patients or service users will receive the COVID-19 booster, unless you are eligible as a result of your age, carer status and/or health condition.

Our postal services have changed

Since 1 April 2022, Royal Mail have been NHSGGC's Postal Service provider.

A Board wide decision has been made to reduce usage of First Class mail and encourage all mail to be sent as Second Class. **The reasoning for this is the timescales for 2nd class mail to be received is quicker than previously achieved by the Board's last Postal Service provider. Therefore, all mail will be sent 2nd class, unless there is a justifiable reason to send it 1st class.**

If your department requires the use of 1st Class Mail, it is imperative you complete the following [request form](#) and then forward this onto your local facilities management sector head as soon as possible. This will allow site mail rooms to compile a list a 'pre-approved list' of all departments who will require continued use of 1st Class Mail.

Black History Month 2022

Thank you to everyone for the interest and support already shown for NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Black History Month activity.

We have a range of exciting activities underway throughout this month and we would love to see you there.

Next week we have the following activities taking place:

- Spiritual Care Stalls
 - Monday 10 October, 12pm – 2pm, Glasgow Royal Infirmary
 - Thursday 13 October, 12pm – 2pm, Royal Alexandra Hospital
 - Friday 14 October, 12pm – 2pm, Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Main Atrium
- Lunch and Learn for members of the staff BME network
 - Wednesday 12 October, 12pm – 2pm, Victoria Infirmary
 - You must register your place by emailing: ggc.bmestaffnetwork@nhs.scot.nhs.uk
- BME Staff Network Stalls
 - Wednesday 12 October, 2pm – 4pm, Victoria Infirmary
 - Friday 14 October, 12pm – 2pm, Queen Elizabeth University Hospital

We would love it if you joined us across NHSGGC next week!

Further information on each event, dates and timings can be found on the website at [BME Staff Network – NHSGGC](#).

Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at: www.nhsggc.scot. If you have any questions about the current situation please check the FAQs first. If you have any further questions, please visit the [HR Self Service Portal](#).

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



Join NHSGGC and the BME Staff Network in Celebrating Black History Month.

This October the Black and Minority Ethnic community and our allies come together to show support for our BME community, invest in our staff and raise awareness of the progress made and the challenges that still exist for many of us.

Please use the QR code to find our schedule of events for Black History Month Activity at NHSGGC.

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