



Daily update
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The Forum meets on a quarterly basis with representation from all local Health and Safety Forums. It aims to update on areas of performance, risk, and good practice, which we all have a responsibility to share and improve on.

The Forum is co-chaired by Natalie Smith, Interim Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development, and Andrew McCready, Staff Side Lead - Health and Safety.



The Forum also presents the opportunity for each of the local Health and Safety Committees across NHSGGC and Staffside Safety Representatives to speak for their areas while providing updates on their key issues, share learning and work collaboratively to make our workplaces safer.

The latest meeting of the Forum took place on Wednesday 19 August 2026. Key highlights reported at the meeting included:

NHSGGC Health and Safety Performance

Only 750 out of 1,248 departments (60%) are using the Task Calendar and more focus needs to be spent on this to increase the percentage of users and completion of the tasks.

However, there has been a reduction in the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) from 64 last year to 51 this year, and an 8% decrease in reported accidents.

Martyn's Law

Martyn's Law, officially known as the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025, is UK legislation that mandates improved security and preparedness at certain public venues and events to reduce the risk of harm from terrorist attacks.

NHSGGC's Martyn's Law programme has progressed from planning into active implementation, supported through an established multidisciplinary Short Life Working Group.

The QEUH is being used as the Board's pilot site, with building-by-building tier assessment and occupancy validation now underway. A Board-wide premises register, tier assessment process and interim terrorism risk assessment methodology are being considered.

Policy updates, national engagement, and early resource planning are continuing to support future compliance with the Act.

Health Strategy

An update on Staff Wellbeing highlighted the wide range of support that is available to staff. This includes support for mental health, physical wellbeing, and women's health. Reference was made to existing schemes that can improve staff wellbeing including the [Active Staff Programme](#) and discounted [Gym Membership Opportunities](#).

Guidance to support a colleague with thoughts of suicide was also highlighted. The guidance outlines the steps that can be taken and is available via this link: [Mental Health and Wellbeing - NHSGGC](#)

Control of Contractors

The policy has been reduced and simplified giving the readers a clearer understanding of how services who bring contractors onto site to undertake programmed work are responsible for the control, management, and safety of those contractors. This positions the duty of responsibility firmly with those services who have commissioned the work. The policy is currently going through governance processes.

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