

Core Brief



Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive (7 July 2023, 5pm)

I was delighted to see many examples of the celebrations that took place right across NHSGGC this Wednesday to mark the 75th Anniversary of the NHS. Colleagues put huge efforts in to decorating their areas with balloons, bunting, birthday cards and lots and lots of cake! We even had vintage buses, ice cream vans, old nursing uniforms and pipers. While wards and departments brought their own unique style to the celebrations, the single, overwhelming message from everyone was one of pride in the NHS. I too was very proud as I reflected on all that has been achieved by the NHS over the past 75 years. Thank you to you all for your personal contribution to the NHS and all that it delivers for the people of Scotland. Thanks also to the Greater Glasgow & Clyde Healthcare Charity (formerly the NHSGGC Endowment Fund), who provided funding to support celebrations across the organisation.

This week also saw the 'Big Conversation' launched by our Executive Director of Nursing, Professor Angela Wallace. Together with the Deputy Nurse Directors and our Chief Nurses, Angela has developed the Big Conversation to listen to nursing and midwifery colleagues as we emerge from the pandemic, to identify what matters to them, and to build a supportive culture of engagement, listening, learning and feedback. Angela was with colleagues in Inverclyde on Wednesday at one of the launch events and spoke to me about the enthusiasm and passion of colleagues that she met. I would encourage all nursing and midwifery staff to take part and have your voice heard. You can find out more at <https://scottish.sharepoint.com/sites/GGC-Nursing>.



Providing evidence of the ongoing focus on effective infection prevention and control, the latest quarterly data on *Clostridioides difficile* infection, *E coli* bacteraemia, *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteraemia and Surgical Site Infection in Scotland have been published this week. These show that NHSGGC is below the national average for the quarter in all three standards, and for the rolling year, below the national average for

C. diff and *E coli*, and on par with the national rate for SABs. This is a tremendous achievement, and testament to the close working between our IPC teams and clinical colleagues.

This week, I want to pay tribute to the North East Rehabilitation Team who received these lovely words of gratitude from one of their patients: “I am overwhelmed at the companionship, dignity and respect given to me from your whole team. I would like to say a massive thank you to all whom were involved in supporting me from the initial meeting including Michelle, who had a total understanding of my needs, Claire from physio who is full of beans and passionate about her job and supporting and putting things in place like a walker and wheelchair and Daniel, who wants to learn and is full of understanding and support. My dietician Linsey was also very

understanding to my position and what support I was looking for. I was treated as an individual throughout.”

Finally, as you may be aware, BMA Scotland has today agreed a pay deal with the Scottish Government and have agreed to suspend strike action while they consult their members on this deal. This news is very welcome and I want to thank our clinical and management teams who have been working hard over the past few months to put in plans to protect patient care as much as possible.

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