

# Core brief

**Daily update**  
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## **Confidential Contacts - Whistleblowing**

We are looking for volunteers to take on the role of a Confidential Contact to support and provide signposting to colleagues who may be considering raising a whistleblowing issue.

Whistleblowing is a way that a member of staff can formally raise concerns about an issue that is in the public interest, such as patient safety or suspected malpractice. This does not include complaints about personal grievances.

The role is in addition to a person's substantive post. It does not attract any financial reward, however, it is potentially very rewarding and may present opportunities for professional and personal development for those who take it on.

Please note that we would require a minimum term of 24 months. The [attached document](#) outlines the detail of the role, what is required and how to apply. If you have any questions please email Kim Donald, Board Secretary, at [Kim.Donald@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:Kim.Donald@ggc.scot.nhs.uk).

The closing date for applications is **30 June 2023**.

# GGC Medicines Update



GGC Medicines Update is a series of blogs with important medicines related messages relevant to all healthcare professionals across GGC. Please see below for new blogs and relevant updates.

## New blog

Click on the following link to access the recently published Medicines Update blog.

- [Safe use of insulin for adults admitted to hospital - Administration](#) this is third in a series of blogs on the safe use of insulin for adults in hospital. Look out for the final in the series covering discharge soon.

Links to other blogs in the series:

- [Safe Use of Insulin for Adults Admitted to Hospital Summary of Blog Series](#)
- [Safe use of insulin for adults admitted to hospital - Medicines Reconciliation](#)
- [Safe use of insulin for adults admitted to hospital - Prescribing](#)

## Updates

- [Guideline News April 2023](#)
- [Formulary Update \(May 2023\)](#)
- [MHRA Drug Safety Update May 2023](#)

## Events

To support Dementia Awareness Week 2023, we are highlighting the blog published last year:

- [Dementia and pain management during hospital admission](#)

You can search for previously published blogs on the GGC Medicines [website](#). If you would like to subscribe to receive Medicines Update directly via email, contact [medicines.update@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:medicines.update@ggc.scot.nhs.uk). Follow us on Twitter [@NHSGGCMeds](#)

## Older Adult Webinar Series

Our next evening webinar will take place on Monday 12 June at 7.30pm.

Dr Dave Anderson will present on **Management of End Stage Respiratory Disease**.

It's sure to be an interesting evening and relevant to all of us in clinical practice

Please join using the following link: [Link to Respiratory Webinar](#). We look forward to seeing you there!

**Pride Walking Tour: 18 June, 2.00pm and 4.00pm,  
Central Glasgow**



From drag queens to lesbian witches, this 90 minute walking tour will take you around the key sights of Glasgow's LGBTQ+ past, present and future.

Hear stories of the well and lesser known venues, people and marches that have shaped Glasgow's queer culture and set us as one of the most LGBTQ+ friendly cities in Scotland.

After the tour there is the opportunity to join us in a local venue.

To register your interest please complete the [MS form](#)

For further information and to find out about the range of events celebrating the run up to Glasgow's Pride 2023 on 15 July, visit the [LGBTQ+ Forum web page](#).

**Changes to fire response from 1 July affecting NHSGCC Community and Hospital buildings**

From 1 July 2023, changes within Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SFRS) policy means that they will no longer automatically attend all fire calls that have originated from the buildings' fire detection system.

**Who will be affected by the change?**

Many community buildings and possibly some non-sleeping hospital site buildings will be affected. The change excludes any building that is part of a sleeping risk, therefore all inpatient areas and attached buildings will still receive a SFRS attendance if the fire alarm activates.

NHSGCC has formed a Short Life Working Group to assess and adjust to any required changes to affected buildings and, where required, will assist local managers to introduce any adjustments to the present procedure.

It is critical that staff continue to place a backup call for all fire alarm activations, as reinforced during your annual fire training.

Further information and advice can be found on the Staffnet link of Fire Safety & Training Fire Safety Policy & Protocol link: [SFRS Reduced Attendance 01 July 2023](#).

Please contact the NHSGCC Fire Safety Advisors below if you have any queries, are unsure, or would like to discuss this or the work of the Short Life Working Group further.

## **Hardship & Wellbeing Support for Staff**

The NHSGGC [Support and Information Service](#) (SIS) provides a range of advice and support for staff who may be struggling during the current cost of living crisis. This support includes:

1. Advice about benefits, money, energy and housing issues
2. Crisis support, including support with accessing appropriate Local Authority or national services
3. Information on supportive lifestyle changes such as stopping smoking, exercise and weight management
4. Details of other local services that may be able to assist staff.

We are pleased to confirm that, following an award by the Greater Glasgow and Clyde Healthcare Charity, the SIS will also be able to provide small hardship grants to staff. These will be provided as part of a wider needs assessment, to ensure any member of staff seeking to access the fund is also able to access sustainable, long-term support. The service is entirely confidential and your details will not be shared with anyone.

To access our hardship support,

1. drop in or contact your nearest SIS service. We are located in most hospital atriums.
2. call: **0141 452 2387**. If we are closed, please leave a message & we will get back to you.
3. email: [sis@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:sis@ggc.scot.nhs.uk).

Please bring your payroll number to any in-person or phone appointment.

You can find out more about our [Staff Health Strategy](#) and other wellbeing support for staff on [HR Connect](#).

It is important to share Core Brief with colleagues who do not have access to a computer.  
A full archive of printable PDFs are available on [StaffNet](#)