

# Core brief

**Daily update**  
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## **Women and Children's local awards**

Staff across the Women and Children's directorate were recognised at their local awards.

Chris Hardwick was awarded Innovation of the Year. Chris led the same-day gynaecology operating initiative at New Victoria Hospital, which has revolutionised surgical opportunities for women on lengthy gynaecology waiting lists.

Eleanor Quirke received the Employee of the Year award for being an exceptional employee and leader throughout her time in HPN, always demonstrating clear expectations delivered with care, kindness, and compassion. She listens actively and guides her colleagues through significant changes in maternity and neonatal services with unwavering optimism and hope.

Leader of the Year award went to Mary Ross Davie for her exceptional contributions as Director of Midwifery, driven by her compassionate and caring nature. Mary has transformed many aspects within the service. Her inspirational ways of working and unwavering commitment to high-quality service for all women and their families have been truly remarkable.



The Neonatal team at RHC scooped Team of the Year. They have been outstanding during a particularly challenging time of displacement from the Neonatal unit. Despite having their intensive care unit flooded, necessitating a move to another area of the hospital, the team continued to provide high-quality care to extremely sick and preterm babies. Their dedication and compassion have been remarkable, making them truly deserving of recognition for their incredible efforts and resilience.



Volunteer of the Year was awarded to John Lennox. John has been an invaluable volunteer at our respiratory clinic for many years, earning the respect and admiration of everyone in OPD RHC. He recognises regular patients, ensures they check in correctly, and escorts them to other departments to keep things running smoothly.

## **Infection Prevention and Control Newsletter**

The Spring edition of the [Infection Prevention and Control \(IPC\) Newsletter](#) is out now and focuses on World Hand Hygiene Day and equipment cleaning as well as new QR codes for the narrated IPC Patient Information Leaflets.

## **World Hand Hygiene Day**

This week we celebrated World Hand Hygiene Day on 5 May 2025: It might be gloves. It's always Hand Hygiene!

Disposable gloves used during medical procedures and patient care can become contaminated just as easily as bare hands and do not protect 100%. When worn, gloves should be removed following use and hand hygiene performed immediately as per the WHO 5 Moments for Hand Hygiene. Hand Hygiene compliance monitoring and feedback is established as a key national indicator across NHS Scotland.

Regardless of whether gloves are worn, hand hygiene at the right times and in the right way is still one of the most important measures to protect patients and healthcare workers.

Excessive glove use contributes significantly to the volume of healthcare waste and appropriate glove use and hand hygiene can help minimise this waste. Using

gloves when not indicated wastes resources and does not necessarily reduce transmission of germs. An average university hospital generates 1,634 tons of health care waste each year and this number is increasing by approximately 2-3% per year.

For more information please contact the Hand Hygiene Co-ordinator [Stefan.Morton@nhs.scot](mailto:Stefan.Morton@nhs.scot) or visit [Hand Hygiene - NHSGGC](#)

For more information and resources on World Hand Hygiene Day and WHO please visit [World Hand Hygiene Day 2025](#)

**The NHSGGC World Hand Hygiene Day 2025 Quiz** is now available using the QR code right or visit: <https://forms.office.com/e/7RsyzQCn5y>.



Please ensure you enter by 23 May 2025 for a chance to win a prize.

### **International Administrative Professionals Day celebrations**

Admin Staff across NHSGGC celebrated International Administrative Professionals Day on Wednesday 23 April.

The day is to recognise the significant contributions of secretaries, administrative assistants, receptionists, and other administrative staff. Their diverse skills in communication, technology, project coordination, and organisational management are essential for the smooth operation of our organisation and the delivery of exceptional patient care.

It's the perfect opportunity to formally acknowledge and thank those who keep our offices running smoothly.

Click [here](#) to see pictures of some of the celebrations and watch recordings from our Clinical and Management Teams showing their appreciation.

### **Renfrew – Yoker Bridge**

The new bridge linking Renfrew and Yoker will open on Friday 9 May 2025. More information is available from [Renfrewshire Council](#).

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