

Core brief

**Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive
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Carers Week commenced today and the theme for this year's celebration is "Making Caring Visible and Valued". Carer's Week is dedicated to people across the country who provide support to friends, family and neighbours who couldn't manage otherwise. It is a great opportunity to engage with both staff and people living in our local communities to raise awareness of the help and support that is available to all unpaid carers.

The COVID-19 pandemic really brought to the fore some of the challenges faced by people who may need additional support, whether it is to help with shopping now and again all the way through to those who need daily care and support. I understand that many of our staff also care for friends and loved ones outside of work and I would like to thank you for all that you do to help and care for people who would otherwise struggle. You are all doing a wonderful job.

I would also like to encourage any of our staff who think they might be a carer to call 0141 353 6504 to find out information regarding your local services or [find details on the NHSGGC Carer Website Pages](#). All of our services remain operational, so please utilise these services if you need them.

We are also commemorating Dietitians Week, which is a great opportunity to reflect on, and celebrate, the work of our professional dietetic staff, including our support and administration staff. Our team is over 200 people strong, with the key objective of ensuring that our patients receive high quality, evidence based nutritional care. I would like to thank the team for their excellent work and encourage anyone who is interested, to find out more about the team and their work via our [website](#).

Over the past week, we have seen a fantastic response from members of the public to our drop-in vaccination clinics across NHSGGC. While there has been some initial queuing at a number of sites, it is really encouraging that members of the public who may not have come forward otherwise are using this service. For those people aged 40 years and over who are due to receive their second dose, we will, from Wednesday, be offering appointments to move their second dose to eight weeks after their first. This should help us to quicken the pace of second dose roll-out, meaning more members of the public will be fully vaccinated much faster.

Alongside this, we are also working hard to encourage more young people to come forward to be vaccinated. Last week we launched our #MyJagMatters social media campaign, which is made up of a series of videos, submitted by members of the public in the 18-35 years old age group, explaining why they have decided to be vaccinated against COVID-19. The campaign is already gaining some good traction and we hope it will encourage more people in this target age group to roll up their sleeve and be vaccinated. Please take a look at the videos on our social media pages, like and share, or create one of your own.

Our modern apprenticeship programme gives individuals the opportunity to start a career with the NHS, learning vital roles on the job and going through a significant development programme to equip them to support the organisation to deliver a quality care to our patients. Our programme is hugely popular and we will soon be welcoming this year's intake of 20 individuals, ready to begin their career with NHSGGC.

This year, we have 15 people graduating from the programme, with modern apprenticeships achieved in engineering, plumbing, procurement, business administration and healthcare support.

These individuals are the future of NHSGGC and it makes me very proud that we continue to support this career path for people from our local communities.

I am delighted to announce the winners of this year's UNISON & Unite Modern Apprentice of the Year Award and the Wully Brody Memorial Award for Estates Apprentices.

The UNISON & Unite Modern Apprentice of the Year Award winner is John Hetherton. John began his four year apprenticeship at Cowlairs Decontamination Unit and is currently working as a multi-skilled engineering technician apprentice based at the QEUH.

The winner of the Wully Brody Memorial Award for Estates Apprentices is Abbie Jamieson. Abbie is a multi-skilled electrical technician, currently based at the RAH, who started stripping down engines with her dad as a child where she caught the engineering bug.

Congratulations to John, Abbie and all of our apprentices graduating from this year's programme. I would like to wish you all every success and I hope you have a very long and happy career with us!

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