

# Core brief

**Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive  
(20 September 2021, 5.10pm)**

Many of you will be aware of the Scottish Hospitals Public Inquiry which began in August last year. The Inquiry was set up by the previous Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport to examine the planning, design, construction, commissioning and maintenance of the QEUH and RHC Glasgow and the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People, and Department of Clinical Neurosciences, Edinburgh and make recommendations for future hospital projects.

The issues being examined, which go back over a number of years, have been incredibly difficult for families, patients and staff, and we remain fully committed to supporting them. We have been working with the Scottish Hospitals Public Inquiry since its launch and will continue to participate fully to assist the Inquiry to fulfil its remit.

The first session to hear oral evidence begins today. This session will run for three weeks, before pausing for two weeks, and then continuing for a further two weeks. A number of NHSGGC patients and family members will give evidence during the hearings.

For some colleagues, this may be an anxious time. It is vitally important that our colleagues are well supported and arrangements have been put in place for those most directly involved in issues to be examined by the Inquiry.

We recognise however that other staff may also have questions about the issues to be covered. If you have any questions, I would encourage you to speak to your line manager and/or your trade union or professional organisation. You can also contact the HR Support and Advice unit on 0141 278 2700 (Option 2) or email [HR.Support@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:HR.Support@ggc.scot.nhs.uk) for general support and guidance.

Alternatively, a dedicated email account has now been set up at [ggc.feedback@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:ggc.feedback@ggc.scot.nhs.uk) and you can use this to ask any questions you have about issues being raised in the hearing.

We want to support staff at this time so if you have any anxieties or concerns then please speak up.

Thank you.