

Core brief

Daily update

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Flying Start Signifier Badges

NHSGGC has introduced signifier badges for all newly qualified nurses, midwives and Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) commencing employment.

The signifier will allow team members, including the multidisciplinary team (MDT), to identify newly qualified practitioners (NQPs) and offer opportunities of support for their learning and development as well as assisting them to develop as confident, capable health professionals.



The signifier should be worn in the first year of practice, whilst NQPs work through the Flying Start NHS programme.

In the short video below, [Dr Margaret McGuire, Nurse Director](#), discusses the signifier badges.



The signifier badges will be distributed across the board in the coming weeks for NQPs.

If you have any queries regarding this, please contact: Practiceeducation@ggc.scot.nhs.uk for Nursing and Midwifery, or ggc.qinhahpepl@nhs.scot for AHPs.

HR SAU COVID Absence Reminder

Following an increase in COVID-19 related absence, we have reviewed and updated the [FAQ's](#) and manager guide. Please use the link to access further clarity on:

- Self-isolation and exemption requirements
- Childcare
- Pregnancy
- SSTS codes
- Lateral Flow Testing

Please save a copy of the link to the [Management Guide](#) for future reference.

Any questions, support or guidance on anything mentioned above please do not hesitate to contact the team by email: hr.support@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.

NHSGGC website coming soon!

The Corporate Communications team are carrying out a review of the NHSGGC website design, content, navigation, and accessibility to ensure it continues to meet the needs and expectations of our website users. Foundation work has commenced, with an aim to soft-launch the new-look website in October.

The Communications team will be in contact with web content editors throughout the project, however all staff should note, that there is now a freeze on content and new web developments on the existing NHSGGC website, so that current content can be migrated on to the new platform. If you urgently require changes to content in the coming weeks, please contact the [Web Team](#) who will do what they can to support you.

The team is also carrying out a public survey to ascertain user feedback of the current site and to understand requirements for the new one. This will help with the new build and ongoing development of the site. The survey is also open to staff and if you would like to participate, please visit: <https://forms.office.com/r/30THaupNzk>

Climate Week – Get Ready for COP26

Are you ready for COP26? Today marks the start of Climate Week and in just six weeks the United Nations' Climate Change Conference will arrive in Glasgow, with more than 25,000 people expected to attend the event between 31 October and 12 November. With a high level of disruption to travel expected, before, during and after COP26, it's important to be ready now.

There will be a huge impact on both roads and public transport, with major areas of Glasgow being closed off and diversions in place. Get Ready Glasgow is a helpful resource for the latest information on road closures and travel information around COP26, so please use this each day you have to travel, [you can find the latest travel and major road closures information, including the plan for the Clyde Expressway closure, here](#).

With heightened security around Glasgow, it's crucial that we are all identifiable when on site or when travelling to places of work. Please ensure that all of your information is up to date and that you wear your ID at all times when at work, please also have your ID handy when travelling to sites.

A managers' [checklist is available at our website](#), please use this to make sure that you and your team are prepared and use your team meetings and huddles to discuss COP26 operational arrangements moving forward.

Forgotten corner of RAH to be transformed into environmental gem for the whole community

An untidy and largely forgotten area in the grounds of the Royal Alexandra Hospital is about to be transformed into an environmental gem.

Over the next few months, an overgrown pond, hidden out of sight at the back of the hospital, which has little to no access for patients, staff and visitors, will be completely revamped, creating an important resource for everyone at the RAH, as well as the local community.



The significance of the changes beginning this month is not lost on Gemma Kitson, Greenspace and Urban Realm Officer for NHSGGC – a role part-funded by the Green Exercise Partnership.

“With this project, it’s like we’re completing the work that began nearly 40 years ago,” said Gemma.

“It has been well known for many years that time spent in the outdoors has huge benefits for our physical and mental wellbeing, so I’m delighted that this work is getting under way.

“By renovating the pond and its surrounding areas, we’re not only creating a valuable space for patients, staff and the whole community, but we’re returning to the original ethos of the hospital’s design.”

[Click here to read more.](#)

Lateral Flow Tests - Available to all staff working on site

Speak to your line manager about where to collect your test kit, then:

		
Register your kit	Test twice per week	Record your results

Keep your colleagues and patients safe from COVID-19

Help stop the spread!

Visit: www.nhsggc.org.uk/lfid-stafftesting

Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at: www.nhsggc.org.uk/covid19. If you have any questions about the current situation please check the FAQs first. If you have any further questions, please email: HR.Support@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.

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