

Core brief

Daily update
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Scottish COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Addendum for Acute Settings update

On the 25 June 2021, the Scottish COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Addendum for Acute Settings was updated. There are changes to the PPE, cleaning, linen and waste sections that staff should familiarise themselves with.

Personal Protective Equipment

Section 5.6.3 Table 4 PPE for direct patient care by pathway

<https://www.nipcm.hps.scot.nhs.uk/scottish-covid-19-infection-prevention-and-control-addendum-for-acute-settings/#a2706>

Section 5.6.5 PPE for aerosol generating procedures in Table 5

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5.6.5: Note 2: Addition of risk associated with valved respirators (FFP3)

Valved respirators should not be used when sterility directly over a surgical field/sterile site is required and instead a non-valved respirator should be worn.

Safe environment

Management of linen: On Green and Amber pathways linen will be as per Standard Infection Control Precautions ([Chapter 1, section 1.7, NIPCM](#)).

Management of waste: On Green and Amber pathway waste will be as per Standard Infection Control Precautions ([Chapter 1, section 1.9, NIPCM](#)).

Environmental cleaning:

The NHSGGC Facilities Directorate, supported by Infection Control, has made a decision to continue cleaning the healthcare environment with chlorine based detergent at this time.

1.1 Interpretation of the revised June 2021 guidance by NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde in relation to cleaning is outlined as follows:

- Maintain current increased cleaning frequencies within public / circulation areas with particular focus on touch surfaces and public toilets
- Maintain full clean and second touch surface clean within clinical inpatient areas
- Maintain use of detergent / chlorine based disinfectant within all pathways.

Hospital Visiting Reminder

As you will be aware, NHSGGC is currently in two different levels of the [National Strategic Framework](#).

Current guidance is that all patients in **Level One** hospitals – this includes Inverclyde Royal Hospital, Vale of Leven Hospital and Dumbarton Joint Hospital (where possible) will be able to benefit from support of at least two people from the same household at the same time (or from separate households, as long as physical distancing can still be maintained). If not from the same household and physical distancing cannot be maintained, visits can take place separately.

All patients in our **Level Two** hospital sites (where possible) are able to have at least one visitor to enable family support while they are in hospital.

The guidance below applies to visiting in all areas of NHSGGC:

Lateral Flow Testing

When family members arrange to visit, voluntary testing should be **strongly recommended** as a valuable way to promote safety. Information on how to order Lateral Flow Tests is available on [NHS Inform](#).

It is important to note that Lateral Flow Testing for visitors is **not** mandatory and wards are not able to insist that visitors undergo a test before visiting. Not wishing or not being able to test will not be an obstacle to a visit. This forms part of a suite of measures to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Further staff guidance about hospital visiting is available [here](#).

Thank you once again for your support and commitment to encouraging safe family support in hospital.

The George Cross awarded to the National Health Services of the United Kingdom

Her Majesty The Queen is pleased to approve the award of the George Cross to the National Health Services of the United Kingdom, comprising the National Health Services in England, Scotland and Wales and the Northern Ireland Health and Social Care system.

The award comes in recognition of 73 years of dedicated service, including for the courageous efforts of healthcare workers across the country battling the COVID-19 pandemic.

The George Cross - the highest civilian gallantry award, equivalent to the Victoria Cross - has only been bestowed collectively twice before, and today marks the second time it has been awarded collectively by Queen Elizabeth II.

New doctors take their oath after a final year like no other

Becoming a doctor takes years of dedication, studying and on-the-ward training. But for this year's cohort of 293 newly qualified doctors, currently enjoying their virtual graduation events, their final years as students were massively impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.



[Click here](#) to read more about Dr Diva Abdullah, one of this year's graduates, who was posted to GRI's Emergency Department, just as the second wave of COVID took hold and enjoyed a virtual graduation on Friday with her classmates from the University of Glasgow.



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
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Keep your colleagues and patients safe from COVID-19

Help stop the spread!

Visit: www.nhsggc.org.uk/lfd-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: staff.covid19@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

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