

Core brief

Daily update

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Health & Safety Important Notice - Updated Guidance for Qualitative (Hood) Face Fit Testing (FFT)

All local qualitative face fit testers who have not completed the updated training on the new process for Qualitative Face Fit Testing will **no longer** be able to face fit test staff.

To support this change in qualitative FFT the Health and Safety department have developed the following supporting documentation and information with accompanying assessment:

- Standard Operating Procedure
- Presentation
- Video demonstration.

For All Local Face Fit Testers:

- Do not continue to provide face fit test to staff if you have not completed training on the new process
- If you have not received an e-mail informing you of these changes, please contact. HealthAndSafety.Alerts@ggc.scot.nhs.uk
- The new process requires that you have one additional kit. The Pecos codes for the additional qualitative face testing kit will be provided to you once you have completed the Webropol and achieved the required pass mark of 100%.

For Managers of local Face Fit Testers:

- Ensure that your staff who are providing face fit testing have completed the new training and are providing qualitative testing in line with the new process
- If staff have not completed the new training, please ask them to do so to allow them to re-commence delivery
- A register of local face fit testers will be disseminated through your senior management team.

Any queries please contact HealthAndSafety.Alerts@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

Please find all relevant Health & Safety information in our COVID-19 page within HR Connect: <https://www.nhs.gov.uk/working-with-us/hr-connect/health-safety/health-safety-covid-19/>

The Infection Prevention and Control Quality Improvement Network Newsletter (IPCQIN)

[Click here](#) for the first issue of the IPCQIN Staff Newsletter for an update on the network's progress to date.

One of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's ambitions is to strive for excellence in the reduction of preventable infections. The NHSGGC Pursuit of Healthcare Excellence Quality Strategy (2019/2023) framework outlines how we intend to continuously improve the quality of care to our patients, carers and communities over the next five years. Infection Prevention and Control is one of the three key strategic priorities within the Quality Strategy and as such the IPCQIN has been designed to provide a clear structure, methodology and expertise to all aspects of Quality Improvement in relation to supporting the reduction of preventable infections.

Our Vision: As an Improvement Network we influence and support our staff, patients and carers to continuously improve person centred infection prevention and control practices ensuring a safe and effective care experience

The aim of the IPCQIN is to contribute to the delivery of the NHSGGC Healthcare Quality Strategy by focusing on the following key aspects:

- Improve both patient safety and their care experience in line with key local delivery plan targets
- Strengthen the role of the Infection Prevention and Control Team in patient facing areas in the context of supported improvement to achieve agreed outcome
- Utilise and build on organisational quality improvement capacity and capability expertise at all levels within the organisation
- Teams and staff will lead on the improvement continuum of prevention of avoidable infections to embed sustained improvement
- Align with the other key priority areas of Tissue Viability and Person Centred Care.

Angela O'Neill, Deputy Nurse Director for Acute Services and Chair of the IPCQIN, said: "The IPCQIN is gaining real momentum and enthusiasm from staff, of all disciplines, across the Board and I am delighted that we are able to work in such a collaborative way as we continuously seek to improve and provide the very best experience for our patients. I hope you find our first newsletter informative and any feedback is gratefully received."

Statutory Mandatory Training – Standard Infection Control Precautions

To ensure that staff knowledge is up to date and that staff are following the most current guidance in relation to Standard Infection Control Precautions (SICPs), staff should undertake the Standard Infection Control Precautions module on LearnPro on induction and every three years. Education is an essential component for staff to achieve their personal goals and for the teams and services within NHSGGC to achieve their objectives. To be effective in protecting against infection risks, SICPs must be used continuously by all staff working in the Healthcare environment and not only when delivering care to patients.

SICPs are used to ensure the safety of patients, staff and visitors in the care environment and are the basic infection prevention and control measures necessary to reduce the risk of transmission of infectious agent from both recognised and unrecognised sources. If you have any issues accessing your module please contact the Learning and Education Support Team via LE.support@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

NHSGGC LGBTQ+ Forum and GJ LGBTQ+ Staff Forum present...

"Bi Gosh We're Back!" featuring Stonewall's Bi Network chair, David Bender

Date: 23 September 2021

Time: 7-9pm

Join us for our first catch-up in way too long! It's an opportunity for us to get together in a safe, easily accessible environment and make contact with folk we might not have seen for a while for a chat, a tea or coffee and maybe even a wee biscuit.

As it'll be Bi Visibility Day, our invited speaker, David Bender, will talk to us about bi visibility, bi identities and the issues of bi-erasure.

Network and Forum members: We'd love it if you could be there in person. Join us in central Glasgow from 7pm on the 23 September. We'll be hosting the guest speaker on the big screen, with a catch-up afterwards. For venue information, directions and any accessibility questions, send an email to: Lgbtstaff.Forum@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

Allies and friends: Join in digitally! Our guest speaker will be joining from London, and invites you to join him virtually for an evening of Learning, Growing and Being on Teams (or to use the acronym, LGBT). To receive the link please email Bryn Pearlstone: Brynley.pearlstone@gjnh.scot.nhs.uk

It would be brilliant to see you all there!

September Payroll Cut-Off Date - eESS Downtime

A period of downtime for the eESS system has been planned from between 12 noon on Thursday 23 September until Tuesday 28 September. During this time, the payroll interface will be suspended. Managers should please ensure any payroll transactions for staff in September are processed as early as possible ahead of the next Payroll cut-off date at 5pm on Friday 17 September. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at: www.nhs.gov.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.

Staff are reminded to make sure their [personal contact details are up to date on eESS](#).

It is important to share Core Brief with colleagues who do not have access to a computer.
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