

Core brief

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Get Ready for Medicine programme

NHSGGC is committed to supporting young people to make informed decisions about pursuing careers in the NHS and ensuring that access to NHS careers are equitable for all young people regardless of background.

As a result of the pandemic we have been unable to offer our usual careers insight programme which would generally see senior phase pupils coming into our services for placements and tours to gather an insight onto our professions, environment and teams.



However, the Widening Access to Medicine (WAM) team, in association with the University of Glasgow Medical School and a number of other organisations, have continued to support young people planning applications to medical school through a range of online sessions in the last 18 months. In addition to these online sessions, The WAM team and Workforce Employability team, have created an online resource which is hosted on our careers webpages at www.nhsggc.org.uk/beadoctor

The WAM team filmed virtual ward rounds and video diaries with colleagues and medical students and have created additional resources to help young people to learn and explore issues that would traditionally have been addressed on a placement.

Until such times as we are able to resume the Get Ready for Medicine programme on our sites we are keen to ensure that young people, careers advisors and anyone with an interest in applying to medical school visit these pages where they can gain access to the virtual ward rounds, the Medical Schools Council guidance for applicants and join our Get Ready for Medicine mailing list.

Services who receive requests for medicine placements should direct these enquiries to the webpages and are reminded that no face to face placements can be accommodated currently and **all** requests should be directed to the Get Ready for Medicine programme.

Medical and Dental - Consultant Grade

The 2020/2021 Consultant Discretionary Points process is currently underway and invite letters to Consultants eligible to apply in this round were sent to their home addresses at the beginning of September.

Consultants wishing to apply this year should note that the closing date for applications is Friday 1 October at 5pm.

BME Staff Network Facebook Page

Thank you to everyone who contacted us about the issue with joining the BME Staff Network Facebook page. We are pleased to inform you that we have now investigated and resolved the issue.

We are delighted to share that you can now join the BME Staff Network Facebook by searching for **NHSGGC – BAME Staff Network** and requesting to join the group through Facebook OR by clicking this link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/972380060235337/>

Please note that you **MUST** fill out all the questions asked when requesting to join as admins will have to check that those requesting to be members are employees of NHSGGC. Without these details we will unfortunately not be able to accept your request.

As always please remember that this group is private and confidentiality is expected from each member – this is a safe, trust based space for everyone. We hope that this page becomes an enjoyable, collaborative, respectful and safe space for our BME Staff members.

You can get more information about the BME Staff Network by contacting the BME Staff Network email address ggc.bmestaffnetwork@nhs.scot or by visiting our HR Connect Page - [NHSGGC: BME Staff Network](#).

Staying Safe during COVID-19

Please see the following infographic for information on [Tools to Stay Safe during COVID-19](#) and display within your area of work.

Staff should also be aware that they should not congregate or participate in gatherings of any nature including leaving parties, retirements and birthday celebrations. Consider alternative methods such as Teams calls.

Information in relation to Physical Distancing can be found [here](#). If you have any ideas to improve Physical Distancing practice, please share with your line manager and email here: SDCommsGroup@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

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.

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

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