

Core brief

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NHS Global Citizenship

As you will be aware, NHSGGC is part of the NHS Scotland Global Citizenship Programme. This programme aims to increase NHS Scotland's global health contribution, by enabling NHS staff to participate in global citizenship activities and projects, both in the Scotland and overseas.



One of the key focus areas of the Scottish Government's International Development Strategy is a commitment to supporting our partner countries and enable the strengthening of health care capacity and capabilities. This is something that NHSGGC has been involved with for many years and which we continue to play a significant role in.

We have been extensively involved in a twinning scheme between Glasgow and Lahore in Pakistan, which has been operational for a number of years. This has enabled the opportunity to develop longstanding relationships with colleagues in Lahore in multiple specialties and many individual health professions including nursing and many allied health professionals. This in turn has led to initiatives including an education programme for infant feeding being established.

We have also undertaken a training programme in Health and Wellbeing for Psychologists in Palestine. This is the first evidence-based applied child psychology programme in the Palestinian context and is focussed on workforce development and applied training that will improve the competence and capacity of professionals to better support Palestinian infants, children, and adolescents in several focus areas including health, education and well-being.

These are just two of the projects NHSGGC has been involved with and we should be very proud of the efforts of our staff who have worked so tirelessly to enable their success.

This year, an NHS Global Citizenship storybook has been launched, which includes 32 case studies of global citizenship projects across the world. We will be sharing some of these stories in the coming days. A Global Citizenship [podcast](#) has also been launched, which interviews the winner and finalists of the Health Awards Global Citizenship about their global health partnership work.

NHSGGC Chairman, Professor John Brown CBE, who is also the Chair of the NHS Scotland Global Citizenship Advisory Board, said: "We should be very proud of the work we have undertaken to develop global partnerships, support international development and enable opportunities for our staff to participate in global citizenship activities, at home and abroad."

HEPMA tots up one million doses

Over one million doses of medicines have now been recorded on NHSGGC's HEPMA system, which is being rolled out across our hospitals to make the use of medicines safer and more efficient.

NHSGGC introduced the WellSky HEPMA (Hospital Prescribing and Medicines Administration) system, with an initial pilot taking place at the QEUH.

HEPMA is sophisticated and can automatically provide prescribing advice to highlight medicines which interact with each other and alert clinical staff about a patient's allergies. The system also highlights the medicines each patient is due, making the process of administering medicines to patients easier and quicker.

Morag Gardner, Chief Nurse for NHSGGC's South sector, said, "HEPMA is a real step forward for nursing staff across NHSGGC, streamlining the process of giving medicines to patients and prompting the team about medicines which are due. It's a great example of how technology can help our clinical teams provide the best possible care to patients."

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Important Reminder – Stay Safe during COVID-19

When moving from the clinical area to other spaces e.g. offices, rest areas **STAFF MUST:**

- Remove their PPE - gloves, aprons, FRSM
- Carry out hand hygiene
- Put on a clean Fluid Resistant Surgical Mask (FRSM).

Social distancing is everyone's responsibility

Don't encroach on your colleagues' desk area,
maintain social distancing when talking



Do it, encourage it. Don't spread the virus at work or home

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