

Core brief

Daily update

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Social Distancing Update

Scottish Government guidance related to social distancing within healthcare settings has been updated. The Social Distancing Operations Group is currently reviewing this guidance and will provide further updates in due course.

Please continue to maintain current control measures.

Potential Issue with Nationwide Processing a Second Monthly Salary Today

Payroll have received reports from staff today that they have received a second monthly salary into their bank account.

Payroll have undertaken some investigations, and all reports appear to relate to employees with a Nationwide bank account. Nationwide are currently investigating what has happened and it is our expectation that they will instigate recoveries rather than the Health Board.

Any staff who have received a second monthly salary should not spend any monies that have been credited, as it is likely that Nationwide will recover this from your account directly.

Lateral Flow Testing Kits

Do you know that you can quickly get an LFT kit simply speaking to your manager? You don't need to order them from any public sites. If you are returning to work following the new government guidance on staff coming back after self-isolating, just speak with your manager and they will easily order your kit direct via PECOS if you don't already have one.

We are continuing to encourage everyone to register, test and record your LFT results. Please ensure you record them on the Portal for NHS Scotland staff www.covidtestingportal.scot under Healthcare worker and not in other websites e.g. the UK Government portal.

New Lateral Flow kits called Orient Gene, with seven tests per box are coming into circulation for Health and Social Care staff. However, in NHSGGC we still have plenty of supply of the current Innova kits (with 25 tests) and will continue to distribute these in the coming months. When our supply of Innova kits ceases we will move onto Orient Gene and will inform you what is required before issuing. If you work with colleagues in other public sector bodies they may already be using Orient Gene, however please continue to use Innova at this stage.

By regularly testing and reporting results we are continuing to ensure we do all we can to keep everyone safe.

Growing our Great Community – Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

We are delighted to launch our new HR Connect Equality, Diversity and Inclusion pages which you can view by [clicking here](#).

Over recent months, we have been encouraging feedback regarding the type of information that could be included on our HR Connect Equality, Diversity and Inclusion pages.

All feedback and ideas shared have been taken on board, and the content of the [new pages](#) has been developed collaboratively through the Workforce Equality Group (WEG) and some members of our Staff Equality Forums/Networks. Thank you very much to everyone who has contributed so far.

We are committed to continuous improvement and if you think there could be further improvements to the pages please email your ideas to us at: ggc.staffexperience@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

If you would like to join one of the [Staff Forums or Networks](#), or are already a member and would like to share some feedback with regard to the value and impact of this, please also please get in touch via the respective [LGBTQ+ Forum](#), [BME Network](#) or [Staff Disability Forum](#) by visiting their pages.

You can view our Workforce Equality Action Plan 2021 – 2022: Growing our Great Community [here](#).

Thank you for your continued support towards building a Better Workplace.



Health & Safety - Important Notice

Face Fit Testing - Changes to recording staff details

The current process requires the tester to input one of three unique identifier for staff (eESS, National Insurance (NI) or pay role numbers).

The new process requires the tester to input one unique identifier, this **must be** the staff members NI number.

The new process will be implemented on Monday 20 September.

For Staff attending Face Fit Testing:

It is essential that staff bring their NI number with them to the fit test to ensure their fit test can be recorded appropriately. The face fit test cannot be conducted without this information.

For All Local Face Fit Testers:

If staff cannot produce their NI number the face fit test should not be conducted.

For Managers:

Please ensure that staff presenting for face fit testing are able to provide their NI number.

This information is input into the Face Fit Test Employees Form and enables a recoverable record of the fit test. Failure to provide this information will result in test being cancelled.

GP Direct Access Rapid CT Chest Scans for Suspicion of Lung Cancer

The earlier lung cancer is found, the easier it is to treat. Rapid investigation of new or changing symptoms in patients with a history of smoking helps detect cancer earlier and can save lives.

NHSGGC have worked hard to improve rapid access to CT scans and to dedicated PETCT scans across the health board for patients referred to our hospitals with suspicion of lung cancer.

Following a successful pilot, NHSGGC have now rolled out a new referral pathway that gives GPs direct access to rapid CT chest scans across the health board area. This is for patients with persistent symptoms where there is a suspicion of lung cancer but a chest X-Ray is normal or equivocal. For the first time GPs can now directly request a CT scan without first referring to secondary care. The aim is to improve patient experience and outcomes by quickly excluding lung cancer as a cause for their symptoms for the majority of patients, with minimal disruption to their lives and led by their own GP, whilst detecting cancer at the earliest opportunity for others.

Further details of the pathway can be found at: <https://www.nhsggc.org.uk/about-us/professional-support-sites/referral-guidelines/cancer-services/>

A webinar on the pathway was held on Tuesday 31 August 2021. A copy of the webinar can be accessed via the above link or Louise Murphy – details below.

For any queries email: Louise.Murphy@ggc.scot.nhs.uk or Joris.VanDerHorst@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

Get ready for COP26

Glasgow is preparing to host the United Nation's climate change conference known as COP26, as delegates from around the world prepare to meet to discuss safeguarding the future of the planet and reversing the climate crisis.

The summit will take place at the Scottish Event Campus (SEC) from 31 October to 12 November.

The conference will welcome around 120 world leaders and more than 20,000 delegates are also expected in the city. With the focus on Glasgow, it's important that we do all we can to lead more sustainable lives with associated health and wellbeing benefits.



However, it is anticipated that given the size of the event - the largest Glasgow has ever seen - that from mid-October until mid-November, there will be some disruption within the area. We need to be aware of the direct impact COP26 will have on us before, during and after the conference ends.

It's critical that all staff plan ahead, particularly with regard to disruption to travel and planned road closures.

You can find out more about COP26 and its potential impact on our staff, patients and visitors here: <https://www.nhsggc.org.uk/about-us/cop26-conference/>

We will update our website and communicate further information on COP26 and how it may affect you at the earliest opportunity, but for the latest information and advice from city and national partners go to www.getreadyglasgow.com



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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