

# Core brief

## Daily update

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## Staff Vaccination Update

Health and Social Care staff across NHSGGC now have access to the [NHS Inform booking portal](#), which enables you to book an appointment for your flu vaccination and COVID-19 booster.

### Flu vaccination

All NHS health care workers are eligible for flu vaccination.

Social care workers and independent contractors (GP, dental and optometry practices, community pharmacists and their staff) who regularly deliver direct personal care and/or treatment are eligible for flu vaccination. This includes housing support workers and personal assistants

### COVID-19 booster

Frontline health and social care staff, including independent contractors, who are aged 16 years old and over are eligible for a COVID-19 booster. This includes the following groups:

- Health and social care staff who provide direct care and treatment (i.e. those who have face-to-face contact and provide physical care or treatment)
- Non-clinical healthcare staff (i.e. those who come into contact with the personal belongings, physical tissue or body fluids of patients, residents or clients), including porters, catering, laundry and domestic staff as well as receptionists and ward clerks
- Healthcare laboratory and pathology staff (i.e. laboratory staff and those that handle items coming to the lab such as porters and lab receptionists)
- Social care staff in long-stay care facilities (i.e. those who work in long-stay residential and nursing care homes), including porters, catering, laundry, domestic staff and receptionists.

If you are unsure about which vaccinations may be available to you, please login or register on the portal where a guidance document is available. If after reading this you are still unsure, please speak with your line manager.

NHSGGC will be offering vaccinations to eligible staff at 18 community locations across Greater Glasgow and Clyde, however, if it is more convenient, staff can also book into clinics located in other health board areas. We will be setting up additional clinics at some of our hospital sites in November, with the vaccination programme running until early December.

At this stage, staff will be able to book appointments between now and the 10<sup>th</sup> of October, but more appointments will be released in the coming weeks and we will keep you updated as to when later appointments are live on the portal.

For those staff who are eligible to receive both a flu vaccination and COVID-19 booster, both will be administered at the same appointment. If you are eligible to receive a flu vaccination and/or a COVID-19 booster, we would strongly encourage you to get yourself vaccinated, so please book an appointment at a time and place most convenient to you.

You may also be eligible due to your age or an underlying health condition so you may also receive an invitation directly by letter.

## **World Alzheimer Day – 21 September 2021**

On World Alzheimer Day organisations around the world come together to raise awareness of dementia and NHS GGC also have a part to play.

There are a variety of ways you can take part. Join in any of the educational events to increase your knowledge.

Join Alzheimer Scotland Conference on 21 September register at [Alzheimer Scotland Annual Conference 2021 | Alzheimer Scotland \(alzscot.org\)](https://www.alzscot.org/conference-2021)

Following on from the Annual Conference, Alzheimer Scotland are holding a series of workshops, webinars and drop-in sessions between 22-24 September. These will explore a range of topics from Brain Health to Power of Attorney, hearing from experts from across the dementia community along with representatives from the healthcare sector and design and legal industries.

Look out for Sandra Shields ASDNC, NHS GGC mini session "Getting to Know Me Made Easy" 11am 22 September. Annual [Conference 2021 Follow On Sessions | Alzheimer Scotland \(alzscot.org\)](https://www.alzscot.org/conference-2021)

Remember the "One wee thing" twitter campaign? Can you think about what you are doing, or what you could do, to make the situation for people with dementia better?

If you are able to get involved please tweet @sandrewshields @christineahp & @nhsggc and let us know.

## **Falls Awareness Week – 20-26 September**

To mark Falls Awareness Week, we are highlighting the impact of falls within hospitals and the steps that have been taken to reduce the number of falls at NHS GGC sites.

Falls are the leading cause of admission to hospital and death for over 75s and can have a number of consequences for the person involved including physical injury and both psychological and social issues. Falls can be caused by a multitude of factors such as medication, continence, mobility, environment and cognitive impairment and are the most common cause of harm in our hospitals, which can lead to an increased length of stay and poor outcomes for our patients.



Where can I get further information?

- Visit the falls homepage on StaffNet for lots of good falls related information and look out for our Falls Friday top tips and newsletters for lots of great falls prevention information: <http://www.staffnet.ggc.scot.nhs.uk/Acute/Rehab%20Assessment/Falls%20Services/Pages/defaultbbc4c21b05d14695845d724d458d4a58.aspx>
- Speak with our Hospital Falls Prevention Coordinators who are available for advice. Remember if you wish to make a referral, please do so using TrakCare
- Keep an eye out for additional information displays and activities at some of our sites

- You can now sign post families to our hospital falls webpage which allows access to appropriate information leaflets: <https://www.nhsggc.org.uk/your-health/health-services/osteoporosis-and-falls-prevention-services/preventing-falls-in-our-hospitals/>

## Physical Distancing with NHSGGC

As a reminder to staff, two metre Physical Distancing remains in place across NHSGGC, this includes the following areas: office spaces, general circulation spaces such as lift halls, foyer areas, canteen, shops, lecture halls, meeting rooms, office spaces outside clinical areas (this list is not exhaustive).

All individuals in these common circulating spaces (staff, patients, visitors, contractors, volunteers) must wear face masks/coverings in line with [Scottish Government guidance](#) or FRSM in line with extended use of FRSM policy. Where staff remove FRSMs for any reason e.g. eating, drinking, changing, staff are to maintain two metre physical distancing. Appropriate face masks/coverings should be applied following such activity.

There are some clinical areas/services that may reduce to one metre physical distancing, however this will only happen once a robust risk assessment has been conducted and approved through the relevant governance processes/structures. The requirement to wear face mask/covering will still be required.

## Scottish Hospitals Public Inquiry staff email

Please note in [yesterday's Core Brief](#) there was an error in the dedicated email address set up for staff to ask any questions about issues being raised in the hearing.

The correct email is [ggc.feedback@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:ggc.feedback@ggc.scot.nhs.uk).

## Climate Week Survey

Scotland's Climate Week 2021 took place last week from the 13–19 September and this year it signalled less than six weeks to go till Glasgow welcomes COP26.

To mark the end of Climate Week, NHSGGC's Sustainability Team invites you to complete a staff survey to gain feedback for awareness and improvement. You can access the survey via: <https://forms.office.com/r/5wanvETi9H>. For any further information, or if you would like to get in touch, please email us at: [Sustainability.Team@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:Sustainability.Team@ggc.scot.nhs.uk).



Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at: [www.nhsggc.org.uk/covid19](http://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](mailto: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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