

Core brief

Daily update
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Let's keep things flowing

As we work between hospitals, offices and home we would like to remind everyone of the importance of taking Lateral Flow Tests twice weekly.

Registering the results of each test takes just a few minutes and is a hugely important part of the process as it allows us to adapt working patterns, identify areas of infection and stop the spread of COVID-19.

With your help we can continue to keep each other safe and ease staff and public anxiety, while providing exceptional levels of service.

For more information on how to register your LFT results, please [watch this video featuring National Clinical Director, Jason Leitch](#).

Thank you for your support during what continues to be a challenging time for us all.



Why iMatter?

Because your voice matters

Thank you to everyone who has already taken the time to complete the iMatter survey.

If you have not already received your survey link, you will be contacted soon and invited to share your views.

For further information, visit HR Connect or email us at: imatter@ggc.scot.nhs.uk



Thank you to everyone who has already taken the time to complete the **iMatter** survey. iMatter really can help make a difference to our workplace and to patient care. This is a great opportunity for colleague to share views and influence positive change.

As you may know, **Cohort One** iMatter survey has achieved a very encouraging participation level of **76%**.

Cohort Two has now closed and is currently sitting with **54% participation**, but we await the last paper responses to be processed. **Cohort Three** survey is currently live, with 12 more days to participate and share feedback.

Cohort One 76% final participation	Cohort Two 54% latest participation **(await final paper responses)	Cohort Three 29% participation so far...
Survey now closed	Survey now closed	Survey now live
Chief Executives Office Acute SMT Human Resources & Organisational Development Corporate Communications and Public Engagement Public Health Specialist Children's Services Oral Health East Dunbartonshire HSCP	Women & Childrens South Sector Board Nurse Directorate West Dunbartonshire HSCP Diagnostics Regional Services East Renfrewshire HSCP eHealth	North Sector Estates and Facilities Glasgow City HSCP Renfrewshire HSCP Finance Clyde Sector Board Medical Directorate Board Admin Inverclyde HSCP Out of Hours
Action Planning Stage	Action Planning Stage	12 more days to share views

This is an excellent opportunity for you to feedback regarding your employee experience at NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and it is designed to help continuously improve our overall staff experience.

Please be assured that your responses are anonymous, all feedback received will be treated in strictest confidence. Results and general themes will be communicated and robust action plans will be developed throughout October and November.

Please share your views, and help to continuously build a better workplace.

Physical Distancing Update

NHSGGC guidance regarding physical distancing has now been updated following a change in government guidance and agreed implementation by the Strategic Executive Group. This includes an **updated risk assessment template** with **supporting guidance** and an **Addendum**, which describes the specific distancing requirements within each area of GGC.

To all Managers:

- Please review the new guidance and associated documentation
- It has now been approximately one year since the original risk assessment process has been completed. Please undertake a review of your risk assessment, in conjunction with staff, utilising the new risk assessment template available.
- For areas that need to reduce to one metre and fall within the scope of the new guidance – please ensure the completed risk assessment is approved by the relevant governance route
- Please complete the review of your risk assessment(s) by **15 October 2021**. To provide assurance that these risk assessment have been undertaken a risk assessment audit will be undertaken across GGC after this time.

The above suite of guidance and supporting documentation can be accessed [here](#).

Special recognition for Ward 3B at RHC

It was a very special night out for four members of the team from Ward 3B at the RHC last night.

Catriona Riddell, Jennifer Woods, Laura Connolly and Claire Differ attended the glittering Who Cares Wins Awards ceremony in London, where they and their colleagues on the ward had made it to the final three in the Team of the Year category.

The team was nominated for the award by Ryan Gowran, whose daughter Aria had been in the care of Ward 3B for much of her young life.



Unfortunately they didn't win, but to be nominated and then make it to the final shortlist was a huge achievement, and well-deserved recognition of the excellent care the team provides every day.

The fact that the nomination for the award came from the family of a young patient that the whole team knew well was particularly touching for everyone involved.

Many congratulations to everyone on Ward 3B!

NHSGGC testing lab reaches major milestone in fight against COVID

The NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Virology team have just achieved a major milestone in the fight against COVID.

The NHS Scotland Regional Laboratory (West), situated at Gartnavel, has processed its one-millionth sample – after one of the most challenging years any NHS staff can remember.



Since its commissioning last December, it has been working seven days a week, and by mid-January it was operating 24 hours a day Monday-Friday and 8am-8pm Saturday and Sunday, with the capability of switching to 24-7 testing if required.

The lab, which now has a staff of 73 WTE with a head count of 81, processes an average of 32,000 samples a week, and more recently that number has topped 35,000.

Rob Gardiner, General Manager for Laboratory Medicine with NHSGGC, states: "I am immensely proud of the entire Virology team. They have worked tirelessly throughout this pandemic, persistently under extreme pressure, and have gone above and beyond in their duties. What they have achieved is truly remarkable."

[Click here for more information.](#)

Climate Week: NHSGGC embracing 'green' health and wellbeing

NHSGGC is committed to enhancing its outdoor estates, recognising the value and increasing evidence linking greenspace and biodiversity to a multitude of healthcare benefits. Through successful implementation of quality greenspace in our estates and communities, it is possible to reduce health inequalities, and lead healthier, more active lives.

The Sustainability Team, along with Health Improvement: Arts and Health received funding to begin improvement of the pond area to the rear of the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley, with work anticipated to start in September 2021.

The project will include the following improvements to the pond area:

- Management, maintenance and improvements of the pond and its existing wetland and aquatic habitats
- Assembly of a viewing area, with appropriate safeguarding/railing
- Creation of boardwalk and wayfinding over wetland area to allow for walking and wheelchair access around the pond
- Creation of outdoor teaching area using natural landscape on south bank of the pond
- Creation of new pedestrian and wheelchair access to hospital site/pond area from Victoria Road
- Look out for protected species such as swans and bats.



Green Exercise Partnership:

We are also working alongside The Green Exercise Partnership (GEP) who are supported by the Scottish Government, in a collaboration between NHS boards, Public Health Scotland, NatureScot and Scottish Forestry. The aim of the collaboration is to improve the quality and accessibility of greenspace in and around NHS sites. With more joined-up thinking and working alongside experts such as the GEP and Scottish Forestry, NHSGGC can reap the benefits both now and in the future.

Are you ready for COP26? The meeting at the end of October will bring with it significant disruption. Plan ahead and don't be caught out. More info, including detailed info on travel, is available at www.getreadyglasgow.com and on our website at [NHSGGC: COP26 Climate Conference](#).

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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