

Core brief

Daily update

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Social Distancing Update

Scottish Government guidance related to physical distancing within healthcare settings has been updated.

This guidance identifies areas with healthcare settings that could reduce to one metre physical distancing, provided the wider hierarchy of controls are in place.

NHSGGC has sought the views of staff and staff representatives, with key issues considered on how the new national guidance can be applied in a way that is protective of staff and easy to understand while recognising the current levels of COVID within our communities. Therefore the Strategic Executive Group have agreed today that NHSGGC will adopt the new guidance as follows:

- Two metre physical distancing remains in place across GGC in all inpatient wards
- Two metre physical distancing remains in place across GGC in all common areas such as foyers, circulation areas, canteens, changing areas etc
- For other areas that fall within the scope of the new guidance, and identify the need to reduce physical distancing, a robust risk assessment must be carried out to determine feasibility.

Guidance and associated documentation that is in place to support physical distancing will be updated to reflect these changes and communicated in due course. This includes an **updated risk assessment template and an addendum** that highlights the areas that fall within the scope of the new guidance. The outcome of this risk assessment must be recorded, retained and communicated locally. The risk assessment process should be carried out in partnership with staff.

Please continue to maintain current control measures. In particular, we would remind you that staff in non-clinical, non-public areas and offices must wear a face covering as a minimum or a Fluid Resistant Surgical Mask (FRSM-TYPE IIR) where two metre social distancing cannot be achieved and when in common areas like stairwells, reception areas and corridors. Face coverings must not be worn in clinical areas where Fluid Resistant Surgical Masks (FRSM-TYPE IIR) are required as a minimum.

Prosthetists and Orthotists Awareness Day

Today we are celebrating the inaugural Prosthetists and Orthotists Awareness Day (8 September). [Nikki Munro, Orthotic Service Manager and Professional Lead](#) gives us a glimpse into these fascinating services by telling us a little bit about what each profession does. From determining engineering solutions for patients with limb loss to the assessment of the whole body for biomechanical problems and solutions – this team does it all!

If you are joining in the Day on social media #PandOday2021 then remember to tag @NHSGGC so that we can retweet and share your information.

If you would like to find out more about our NHSGGC services, visit:

[NHSGGC: Orthotics](#)

[Paediatric Orthotics | NHSGGC](#)

[NHSGGC: Prosthetics](#)

British Association of Prosthetists and Orthotists resources:

[Who are Prosthetists and Orthotists? \(bapo.com\)](#)

[Careers \(bapo.com\)](#)



Glasgow Clinical Research Facility shortlisted for student placement award

The Glasgow Clinical Research Facility has been shortlisted for a prestigious Student Nursing Times award for its exceptional student placement programme.

Now in its 10th year, the awards recognise the extraordinary work of students, staff and placement organisers, with the Glasgow Clinical Research Facility up for the Hospital Student Placement of the year Prize.

The Queen Elizabeth University Hospital unit fought off competition from all over the UK to be named in the final 10, with the winners set to be announced at an awards ceremony at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London on 4 November.

Naomi Hickey, Education and Training Officer, said: "With the help and support of NHSGGC Practice Education Facilitator team and Glasgow Caledonian University, we started placements approximately five years ago, and we have used feedback from students to continue to shape and adapt the placements we offer.

"It's a real privilege to be shortlisted, we have worked hard to develop our student placements. Clinical research is a slightly unknown quantity for students, so being nominated is an honour for the whole research community."

Policy Update – Health and Safety

All staff should note that the following policies have recently been reviewed and approved and are now available on the [Health and Safety Page](#) through HR Connect:

- Health and Safety Policy

- Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (CoSHH) Policy, and
- Provision and Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Policy.

Stay Safe.



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.

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