

Core brief

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New Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care Humza Yousaf visits GRI

The new Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Humza Yousaf MSP, visited the Glasgow Royal Infirmary today to see for himself one of three robot assisted surgery systems being put into operation at sites across NHSGGC. It is part of a £20 million investment in 10 surgical robots across Scotland.

Robot Assisted Surgery (RAS) results in less invasive procedures, which can reduce wound size and increase recovery times for patients, freeing up vital resources.

The Cabinet Secretary was in the theatre and was shown the equipment by consultant surgeon, Campbell Roxburgh and the theatre team, before having a hands-on demonstration of the technology.

With the recent investment in RAS by Scottish Government, NHSGGC is benefitting from two new DaVinci Xi Dual Console Robotic systems, making it the first board in Scotland with three robotic systems performing multi-speciality cancer surgery across two sites (QEUH and GRI).

Patients in the West of Scotland are now benefitting from use of robotic surgery for Urology (Prostate Cancer), Gynaecology (Uterine Cancer) and Colorectal Surgery (Bowel Cancer) with plans to commence RAS for head and neck surgery later this year.

Two robotic platforms at the QEUH will perform surgery for Urology, Head and Neck Surgery and Colorectal Surgery, while the robotic platform at GRI will perform surgery for Gynaecologic Oncology and Colorectal Surgery.

Mr Yousaf said: "This new technology will transform the experience of surgery for hundreds of patients every year, while easing the pressure on surgeons with shorter procedures that are less physically demanding to carry out. They will also reduce waiting times and provide us with regular data so we can continue to improve our health service."

(Photo below of Humza Yousaf MSP with Campbell Roxburgh).



Social Distancing Champion talks about her experience

Susan McCubbin is a Housekeeper and Social Distancing Champion in the Emergency Department and G South in Inverclyde Royal Hospital.

Social Distancing Champions were introduced to help promote good practice and continue to raise awareness of social distancing requirements and here Susan tells us what it's like to take on that role and keep her colleagues and patients as safe as possible.

“Since March 2020 we have had to adapt with this fast-paced virus COVID-19 which has taught us not to be complacent at any time.

Each day we faced unprecedented challenges as we learned from the experiences from the day before, especially with social distancing and PPE procedures, giving the patients the same care even under these very different circumstances.

“With full support of Senior Charge Nurses Ann Gray of the Emergency Department and Teresa Holland of G South I was able to implement procedures for social distancing, advising staff on the best ways to keep themselves safe which in turn, would reassure the patients that everything was being done to protect them whilst in the hospital.

“The staff adapted to the changes and worked together, communicating with each other, and voicing any concerns they had. With each new challenge the staff have embraced the difficult situations with professionalism and pride. I am very proud to be part of the amazing **team** within Inverclyde Royal Hospital.”

Together Everyone Achieves More.

If you would like to become a Social Distancing Champion, email: SDCommsGroup@ggc.scot.nhs.uk For more information on Social Distancing, click [here](#).



International Clean Air Day

The 17th of June is International Clean Air Day.

Air pollution is a health issue - it causes up to 36,000 deaths each year in the UK. It causes over 20,000 respiratory and cardiovascular hospital admissions a year in the UK. But there are things we can all do to allow us to breathe more easily.



Top Tip: Stop engine idling – Idling is when a driver leaves the engine running and the vehicle parked or stationary. Our drivers, staff, patients and visitors should consider alternative ways of getting around the city and local areas such as public transport, cycling or walking. However, where you have no alternative but to use the car, the switch off the engine when idling in traffic queues, when you're waiting to pick up people or making deliveries. Every time you switch off, you're cutting down on emissions and saving yourself money.

Social distancing is everyone's responsibility

Remember 2m distancing includes breaks and lunchtimes



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