

# Core brief

**Daily update**  
**(27 May 2021, 5.15pm)**

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## **Quarantine (self-isolation) for NHSScotland staff returning to the UK**

Quarantine/self-isolation [guidance](#) for NHSScotland staff has been updated. Staff can no longer book foreign travel in good faith on the assumption that a quarantine/self-isolation period will not be required.

Accordingly, NHSScotland employees need to ensure they take account of both the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Scottish Government advice in regard to essential international travel. It is vital that every effort is made to prevent new COVID variants from entering the UK. NHSScotland staff are therefore advised not to travel to an amber or a red list country.

Staff who do not adhere to this guidance will not be entitled to paid leave if they are required to quarantine or self-isolate. The only exception to this will be when a member of staff has to travel abroad for essential reasons e.g. as a consequence of a family illness or bereavement. In these circumstances, special leave or homeworking (if appropriate) will be granted, as appropriate, during quarantine/self-isolation arrangements.

If staff travel to a country where no quarantine restrictions apply at the time of travel, and the advice changes whilst they are in that country meaning the employee is then required to quarantine on return, the employee should work from home if possible. If this is not possible, this time should be taken as Special Leave.

## **Brexit – all you need to know**

Following [yesterday's Core Brief](#), keeping staff up to date on important information following the UK's exit from the UK, today we are focusing on some key areas you should be aware of when working for NHSGGC.

### **Recruitment**

If you are in the process of recruiting a new staff member, you need to be aware of the rules around employing EU citizens.

To find out more, go to the [Government Employer Toolkit](#). If you can't find an answer? Email: [NHSGGC.recruitment@nhs.scot](mailto:NHSGGC.recruitment@nhs.scot) or call: 0141 278 2700.

### **Procurement**

If you have any issues with how suppliers are operating, help is at hand. For more information, go to [StaffNet](#).

Do you need help? Email: [support@ggcprocurementcustomerservices.zendesk.com](mailto:support@ggcprocurementcustomerservices.zendesk.com) or call: 0141 211 1299 or 21200

## Deliveries/customs

Having trouble with a delivery from the EU? Are you being asked to pay extra costs?

For more information, go to [StaffNet](#). For urgent inquiries, email: [support@ggcprocurementcustomerservices.zendesk.com](mailto:support@ggcprocurementcustomerservices.zendesk.com) or call: 0141 211 1299 or 21200

If you have a query about Brexit, tell us and we'll do our best to answer it.

Email: [NHSGGC.Brexit@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:NHSGGC.Brexit@ggc.scot.nhs.uk), with the subject of your inquiry in the subject field (eg 'Foreign business trips' or 'Delivery delays').

For further information, visit: NHSGGC: [HR Connect or Government: www.gov.uk](#)

For health and wellbeing advice: [NHSGGC: Staff Health at NHSGGC](#)

## Pride Celebrations in NHSGGC and Golden Jubilee

Pride takes place throughout the month of June, a wonderful celebration of inclusivity, equality, and visibility of those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer inclusive (LGBTQ+) and our allies. Pride empowers the LGBTQ+ community to come together in celebration, protest, unity and solidarity. Whilst we can't hold big events, Pride is still needed. For some, it's needed more than ever.

The Workforce Equality Group is delighted to support next month's three virtual events from the NHSGGC LGBTQ+ Staff Forum and the NHSGJ LGBTQ+ Network. They would also like to take the opportunity to welcome the new interim chair of the NHSGGC LGBTQ+ Staff Forum Amanda Law (pictured right).



## NHSGGC & GJ Pride QUIZ

**Saturday 5 June 7pm-8.30pm via MS teams**

Grab some friends or loved ones and join us as our quiz master hosts a general knowledge quiz with some special LGBTQ+ themed rounds! There is a prize for the winning team!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/156244795389>

## NHSGGC & GJ Pride BINGO

**Saturday 12 June 7pm-8.30pm via MS teams**

Eyes down as Bryn Pearlstone hosts a bingo night, with prizes for the winners!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/156248131367>

## NHSGGC & GJ Pride DISCO

**Saturday 19 June 7pm-8.30pm via MS teams**

Decorate your background, dig out your favourite disco outfit and pour a glass of something fabulous for an LGBTQ+ disco.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/156249914701>

If you would like more information on the LGBTQ+ forum, email: [Lgbtstaff.Forum@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:Lgbtstaff.Forum@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)

## Dementia Awareness Week 2021 Learning Sessions

Next week (31 May – 6 June) is Dementia Awareness Week, to mark this important event a series of learning sessions presented by Alzheimer Scotland National Dementia Nurse Consultants are being held throughout the week, bringing you subjects including "What's special about championing people living with dementia and Understanding distressed behaviour in hospital" – see below (or Hot Topics on StaffNet) for details of the sessions

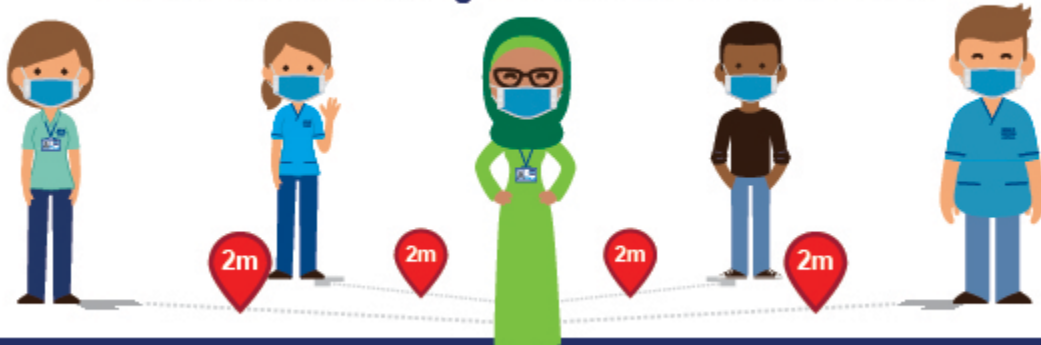
All sessions are interactive and suitable for recording in participatory CPD learning.

Date and time	Topic	Presenter
Monday 31 May 2-3pm	Enhancing Wellbeing	Ruth Mantle NHS Highland
Tuesday 1 June 2-3pm	Promoting Excellence Made Easy	Sandra Shields NHS GGC Helen Skinner NHS Fife
Wednesday 2 June 2-3pm	What is 'special' about championing people living with dementia at NHS24 and the Golden Jubilee?	Tilda McCrimmon NHS Golden Jubilee and NHS 24
Thursday 3 June 2-3pm	Understanding distressed behaviour in hospital: A video based discussion	Nicola Wood NHS Forth Valley
Friday 4 June 2-3pm	Let's Talk About AHPs: When is the right time to ask?	Christine Steel NHS GGC Wendy Chambers NHS D&G

**Use this Microsoft Teams link to join all sessions:**  
[Click here to join the meeting](#)

## Social distancing is everyone's responsibility

Remember 2m distancing includes breaks and lunchtimes



**Do it, encourage it. Don't spread the virus at work or home**

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: [staff.covid19@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:staff.covid19@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)

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