

# Core brief

**Daily update**  
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## **Get ready for COP26**

Are you ready for COP26? With more than 25,000 people expected to attend COP26 between 31 October and 12 November, a high level of disruption to travel is expected, before, during and after the event.

There will be a huge impact on both roads and public transport, with major areas of Glasgow being closed off and diversions in place.

Make sure you are prepared in advance by keeping up to date with all the potential impacts, visit: [NHSGGC: COP26 Climate Conference](#) or [www.getreadyglasgow.com](http://www.getreadyglasgow.com)

## **NHSGGC Flying Start Support Sessions – November 2021**

Flying Start NHS® is the national development programme that the Scottish Government and NHSGGC requires all registered nurses, midwives and allied health professionals (AHPs) to complete, in their first year in practice. Each newly qualified practitioner (NQP) within NHSGGC, should be afforded 24 hours protected learning time away from the workplace to support completion of the Flying Start NHS® programme within their first year.

To support all NQPs, whether you are just commencing the programme, are working towards or nearing completion of this, the Practice Education team will be hosting Flying Start Support Sessions on MS Teams. These sessions provide peer support and discussion and highlight relevant information, which you will find helpful to clarify Flying Start NHS® programme requirements.

Book in to attend a session by clicking [here](#).

## **Boys saved by medics return to RHC for fundraising celebration**

A young family has been back to the Royal Hospital for Children to thank them for their 'incredible' care, after their two children fell dangerously ill with e-coli and needed dialysis and a kidney transplant.

Anthony and Louise McFaulds were living in Elgin last year when their



two boys Sam (now 5) and Leo (now 9) became dangerously ill with the infection which led to HUS, a rare complication which affects the kidneys. After a few days it became clear that they both needed to be transferred to the Royal Hospital for Children in Glasgow for specialist treatment.

Louise said: "We are so grateful to the Royal Hospital for Children and the amazing staff for everything they did for our boys. Without them, they wouldn't be here today.

"After a period of dialysis, Sam recovered but it soon became clear that Leo would need ongoing dialysis and ideally a transplant."

The successful transplant took place in the RHC in February 2021 and the whole experience led the family to make some dramatic decisions and move back down from Elgin to be closer to the hospital.

As well as meeting their doctor Ben Reynolds, the family were able to cheer on Tom Goodwin, who is walking from Land's End to John O'Groats for Kidney Research UK.

Tom was born with four kidneys and had to undergo a life-saving operation aged just ten months. Thirty two years on he is fit and healthy and walking 1,000 miles to raise money for the charity and above all, raise awareness of kidney disease, which affects one in seven people in Scotland.

Dr Ben Reynolds, a paediatric nephrologist, was also there to meet Tom.

Dr Reynolds said: "It was great to meet Tom and see Leo and Sam running about and doing so well. They have come a long way."

### **NHSGGC Physical Distancing Competition**

An exciting competition was run through the summer holidays for the children and grandchildren of our staff. The children were invited to draw pictures of their memories from lockdown during COVID-19. The children have done a fantastic job and we received a number of great pictures that will hopefully inspire us all to remember the importance of COVID controls and Physical Distancing.

To ensure the great efforts of the children are visible to all, please look out for a [poster collage of the drawings](#) we received, which will be displayed around NHSGGC over the coming weeks. We hope you will enjoy these as much as we have and they will bring a little light and happiness to your day.

All entries will receive some prizes for their drawings including a competition certificate, colouring sets and drinking bottles.

We are also pleased to announce the three competition winners who will also receive some prize vouchers:

- Martha – 4 years    Olivia – 5 years    Lucy Anne – 8 years

Please pass on our thanks to your children and grandchildren who took part - their flair and talent is fantastic and their artwork was very much appreciated by the team!

### **Ride for their Lives**

Passionate NHSGGC paediatric healthcare workers will cycle over 500 miles from London to Glasgow, to highlight the need for climate action ahead of COP26.

The UN's Climate Conference is taking place in Glasgow this year, and in support of safeguarding our children's future, the future of the planet and reversing the climate crisis, 30 healthcare professionals will get on their bikes on Sunday 24 October at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children in London. They will then complete the cycle in stages, arriving in Glasgow on Sunday, October 31.

While you may not be able to join the physical Ride for their Lives, you can support the challenge by joining healthcare professionals from around the world and clocking your cycled miles virtually on Strava. [Sign up here.](#)

### **NHS Ayrshire & Arran Daily digest**

Due to a technical issue at NHS Ayrshire & Arran (NHSA&A), their staff daily digest bulletin has potentially been issued to all NHS Scotland staff who have migrated to O365 over the last couple of days, rather than just NHSA&A staff.

Their IT team are currently working on a solution to the problem. No action needs to be taken by NHSGGC staff who have received the email in error, please simply ignore and delete the email.

NHSA&A apologises for any inconvenience.



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).

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