

Core brief

Daily update
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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

Cohort One	Cohort Two	Cohort Three
Survey live now...	Survey goes live 23 August	Survey goes live 6 September
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40% response so far... <i>Survey live for two more weeks, your voice matters...</i>	Please confirm your teams by 20 August <i>Survey goes live in one week</i>	Please confirm your teams by 3 September <i>Survey goes live in three weeks</i>

This is an excellent opportunity for you to feedback regarding your employee experience at NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, 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.

Robot assisted surgery helping to boost outcomes for patients

The idea of robot assisted surgery might leave some patients wondering if a NHS version of Arnold Schwarzenegger will walk into theatre wearing scrubs. While the Terminator might not have the best bedside manner, the truth is that robot assisted surgery is providing huge improvements in patient care and recovery times.

Gary McShane, from Dennistoun in Glasgow, was diagnosed of bowel cancer in May of this year. Within weeks, he was at Glasgow Royal Infirmary to undergo surgery led by his consultant operating with the precision robot.

The robotic surgery meant that the precision techniques used, avoided the need for a stoma bag, greatly improving the outcome for Gary. He was in and out of hospital in just 48 hours.

Graham Mackay, consultant colorectal surgeon at GRI said: "The most common treatment and cure for bowel cancer is surgery, which can often be complicated with a long recovery time for people. Surgery is the most common treatment for bowel cancer, which is Scotland's third most common cancer, and central to curing the disease. However, this is most often open surgery, which can mean a longer recovery time for patients.

"Using the robot is less invasive and can reduce the time spent in hospital recovering by 3-5 days. We're always looking at how to improve the outcome for patients and in Gary's case, he was out of hospital after just 48 hours and out for a long walk just two days after that."

The robot is one of three systems being deployed at GRI and the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, as part of a £20 million investment from the Scottish Government which will see a total of 10 used in hospitals across the country. Robot assisted surgery is helping to treat patients with urological, colorectal and gynaecological cancers across NHSGGC. We will ultimately expand our use of robot assisted surgery to benefit patients with other types of cancer such as those affecting the mouth and throat.

Mr Wesley Stuart, consultant vascular surgeon and chair of the robot assisted surgery programme in NHSGGC said: "This is a win-win for patients and the clinical team. This new technology makes significantly smaller incisions than traditional surgery, reducing the risk of complications and shortening recovery times. With waiting times increasing as a result of the COVID impact, this will enable us to treat more patients more quickly, and with better outcomes."

Scottish Health Awards 2021

The closing date for the Scottish Health awards is fast approaching. Nominations need to be submitted by **26 of August**, with the public vote taking place in mid-September. So if you want to get your friends and colleagues recognised for all their hard work, innovation and dedication, then get your entry in NOW!

The [Scottish Health Awards](#) provides a great opportunity to recognise and celebrate the work of Health and Social Care professionals across Scotland. There are sixteen award categories, including for Innovation, Volunteers, Support Worker, Doctor, Nurse as well as the award for Unsung Hero.

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