

Core brief

Daily update
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Life on the Frontline – Mark O'Donnell

In today's Life on the Frontline we [meet Mark O'Donnell](#), Therapeutic Activity Health Care Support Worker, in Leverndale's IPCU.

Mark took up this new post during the pandemic as patients and hospital staff faced many challenges due to newly imposed restrictions. His therapeutic activity role has become an increasingly important position within the ward by offering positive distractions for the patient group.

Mark is inspired by the patient's and staff he meets and is grateful for being part of the team at Leverndale Hospital.

We hope that you are enjoying these personal accounts of life on the frontline, if you want to watch all of our videos on how our staff are adapting during the pandemic [click here](#). If you would like to feature in one of the videos and tell us about how you and colleagues have been affected, then please get in touch: staffnewsletter@ggc.scot.nhs.uk



Scottish Health Awards 2021

The closing date for the Scottish Health awards is tomorrow.

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.

COVID-19 – Protect yourself and others

Staff should remember the following steps to help [protect yourself and others](#):

- [Stay at home if you have symptoms](#) – Please display this poster in a visible area
- The priority remains for staff to work from home where possible
- Comply with two metre Social Distancing and [wear a face mask/covering](#) – on breaks, using changing rooms, entering and leaving buildings. Ensure staff have been briefed on the use of face masks/coverings
- Avoid car sharing
- Practice good hand hygiene at all times through washing or the use of hand sanitiser
- Refrain from touching the nose, mouth or eyes with unwashed hands or touching your face covering/mask often
- Avoid sharing equipment including stationery, keyboards and telephones and ensure cleaning protocols are in place
- Ensure protocols are in place so that high touch points are cleaned regularly including door handles and [screens](#)
- Open windows to allow natural ventilation and where there is mechanical ventilation, make sure it is on
- Complete a DATIX to report any health and safety shortfalls.

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. 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

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