

Fortnightly Update

NHSGGC to the SPCG Members

Wednesday 29th July 2026

This update provides a summary of current operational, governance and programme activity relevant to SPCG.

Bronze & Silver Command

Bronze and Silver Command structures remain in place and continue to meet daily to review clinical, infection control, estates and environmental issues relating to QEUH Ward 4B

Gold Command

Gold Command continues to meet daily to oversee the wider organisational response to QEUH Ward 4B issues.

Over the course of the last few weeks, a small number of defects have been identified and rectified and we continue to manage risk dynamically daily. As a result, GGC are considering options for potential alternative accommodation in the short term, as a business continuity plan. This process will be supported by internal and external experts.

SPCG Portfolios

Focus groups were held on 27th and 28th July 2026 to review outputs across all three SPCG portfolios. Further follow-up sessions are planned for August 2026. The groups were well attended with lots of positive discussion with the Portfolio leads. Feedback is now being collated which will be used to support the final reports and outputs. Further comments can still be submitted over the next couple of weeks, please send any additional feedback to the PMO email address and the team will link with the Portfolio leads.

Media Update – Concerns regarding the use of a cleaning product within areas of the QEUH

We have reviewed the circumstances around this incident and have put precautionary measures in place to ensure that the product is only used for its intended purpose. Education sessions on appropriate procedures have now been confirmed with staff to ensure that only the correct products are used. The safety of our patients, staff and visitors remains our highest priority, and we will continue to engage with staff and trade union representatives.

Stem Cells Lab Capacity

The Haemopoietic Stem Cell Laboratory (based at Gartnavel) has introduced immediate temporary restrictions to stem cell processing following ongoing environmental monitoring concerns within its aseptic processing facility. While no contamination has been detected in the critical processing cabinets, evidence of environmental fungal growth has prompted precautionary measures to protect patient safety. New cabinets have been ordered. The incident is being managed through daily senior oversight. Using learning from the Portfolios, the leadership structures in this area are being reviewed with a view to augmenting them.

Communications

The next communication update will be issued on 12th August 2026.

Non-SPCG Matters

QEUH Maternity Inspection Update

Work continues at pace, with weekly oversight supporting sustained progress across the improvement programme. To date, 85% of actions have been completed and the remainder are on track. Weekly visits continue to demonstrate positive staff engagement and ongoing improvements, with the next four weeks of visits scheduled. Development of the Infection Prevention and Control Train the Trainer programme remains on track for implementation by the end of August, and a staff engagement session has been arranged to review the QEUH culture survey results.