

Fortnightly Update

NHSGGC to the SPCG Members

Wednesday 30th September 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. These meetings continue to provide ongoing reviews of 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. No major issues have been escalated from Silver Command to Gold Command during this reporting period.

SPCG Portfolios

Progress continues across the SPCG Portfolios. Reports for Portfolios 1 to 3 are being finalised and will be circulated in the SPCG papers no later than 13 October. Action plans for Portfolios 1 – 3 are also being developed and will be shared in draft for discussion at the SPCG on 20 October 2026.

Portfolio 4 – Rectifications Programme Board

Initial reviews of the ward dashboard have been completed, with preliminary discussions undertaken regarding their current use and future development.

The Rectifications Board held its first formal meeting on 21 September 2026 where a risk-based approach to rectifications work will be agreed.

Portfolio 5 – Outstanding and emerging built environment concerns

A meeting has been scheduled for 30 September 2026 involving the Chief Operating Officer, Capital Planning, Estates and Facilities Teams, and Dr Bradnam to review actions arising from the Short Life Working Group and oversee the delivery of the programme of work addressing outstanding and emerging built environment concerns.

Portfolio 6 - Mapping of Groups relevant to risks within built environment

The process of mapping the groups involved in managing built environment risks, working with Estates and Facilities, Infection Control, Microbiology and Clinical Governance Teams has commenced. An update and an outline of the next steps will be provided to SPCG on 20 October 2026.

Communications

The next communications update is scheduled for 14 October 2026, and papers for the SPCG meeting on 20 October 2026 will be circulated to members on 13 October 2026.