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Welcome to the NHSGGC Staff Bank September Newsletter.
We hope you will find the content useful, please get in touch with any questions, feedback or suggestions.

Bank Holiday Early Cut Off Pay Dates:
Please note there will be early cut offs and early pay dates.

Date of Shifts Worked	Timesheets <u>MUST</u> be completely signed off by:	Date paid
15 th September to 21 st September 2023	<u>12pm Midday on Friday 22nd September 2023</u>	Friday 29 th September 2023

Infection Control and Uniform Policy

We would like to remind all of our staff to pay careful attention to infection prevention and control, as this is a vital part of keeping our patients safe.

Patients who are in hospital can be more vulnerable to catching illnesses and infections, which can result in making existing medical conditions worse and delaying their recovery as well as being life threatening in some cases.

It is therefore crucial to take any steps that can help prevent infection occurring including following the NHSGGC uniform policy.

By following this policy, you are also ensuring a professional image is portrayed to our patients, giving additional confidence to those using NHSGGC services.

Also, as a member of NHSGGC, it is your responsibility to keep up to date with current infection control policies and follow these at all times. You must also ensure that you have completed your Statutory & Mandatory Learn pro modules, including Standard Infection Control Precautions.

Please update yourself on the NHSGGC Uniform policy, which can be accessed from any PC/Laptop/Mobile device via the link below and make sure that follow this policy at all times. <https://www.nhsggc.org.uk/media/235643/nhsggc-staff-uniform-policy-approved-27-10-14.pdf>

Staff are reminded to comply with SICPs, TBP's and the outbreak control measures.

There are some toolbox talks via this link that may be useful www.nhsggc.scot/hospitals-services/services-a-to-z/infection-prevention-and-control/toolbox-talks/

There is a section on MRSA that is also useful www.nhsggc.scot/hospitals-services/services-a-to-z/infection-prevention-and-control/infection-prevention-and-control-guidelines/

HCSW Band 3 Mental Health Opportunity

Would you like the opportunity to be trained and become a Mental Health HCSW Band 3 to expand your skills and knowledge in a different area of healthcare. We are looking to offer our current Band 2 HCSW the opportunity to be trained up to work within the mental health inpatient services.

Appropriate training and support will be provided to ensure that you are equipped to work in mental health inpatient services. This may include mental health role specific training in mental health conditions, communication skills, and working with vulnerable people with complex needs.

Overall, this is a fantastic opportunity that offers a positive step in the provision of quality mental health while also providing professional development opportunities for Nursing HCSWs.

If this is something, you are interested in please complete the form via the link below and you will be contacted in due course.

Link - [HCSW Band 3 Mental Health Opportunity](#)

Dates announced for flu & COVID-19 staff vaccinations

Summer is sadly drawing to a close and, as we now head into the colder months, we're advising eligible staff to make plans to receive their winter vaccinations, to protect themselves and their patients.

The rollout of this winter vaccination programme is designed to provide eligible staff with the opportunity to get ahead of flu and COVID-19 in a timeframe that enables the most vulnerable people to receive the maximum protection during peak virus periods. Dates for receiving vaccines are staggered between non-frontline and frontline staff.

[More information is available on our website.](#)

Who is eligible for winter vaccinations?

All health and social care staff members are eligible to receive the flu vaccination.

You will only receive the COVID-19 vaccination if you have face-to-face contact with patients or service users, unless you are eligible because of your age, carer status and/or health condition.

What date can I receive my vaccine/s?

- Non-frontline Health and Social Care team members - 4 September - 1 October 2023
- Frontline health and social care team members - 2 October - 15 October 2023

For all non-frontline Health and Social Care staff who are eligible for a flu vaccination only, the online booking portal has gone live, or you can also book your appointment by contacting 0800 030 8013.

For all frontline Health and Social Care staff, who are eligible for flu and COVID vaccination, the online booking portal will go live on the 28 August or by contacting 0800 030 8013 on the same day.

Why will frontline staff receive their vaccine later?

If you are frontline staff, you are eligible for the COVID-19 and flu vaccine. You are encouraged to receive both. If you are opting to receive both, they will be administered at the same time following recommendations from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).

JCVI advice is also that protection is highest in the three months following vaccination, so vaccinating those at highest risk of COVID-19 later provides greater protection over the peak winter period and into the New Year.

How can I book?

Visit: [Login - Customer Service \(nhs.scot\)](#) Any appointments booked for earlier than 4 September will not be available on the day.

Will there be drop-in clinics?

Yes, our aim is to make getting vaccinated as easy as possible for staff. Drop-in buses will be available at NHSGGC sites between 4 September and 15 October.

The drop-in bus schedule for week commencing 4 September is below.

Date	Times	Venue
Monday 4 September	10am – 5pm	Queen Elizabeth University Hospital (parking opposite pond) 1345 Govan Road, Glasgow, G51 4TF
Tuesday 5 September	10am – 5pm	Glasgow Royal Infirmary (Cuthbertson car park off Wishart Street) 84 Castle Street, Glasgow, G4 0SF
Wednesday 6 September	10am – 5pm	Gartnavel General Hospital (lane between the Beatson and General building) 1053 Great Western Road, Glasgow, G12 0YN
Thursday 7 September	10am – 5pm	Glasgow Royal Infirmary (Cuthbertson car park off Wishart Street) 84 Castle Street, Glasgow, G4 0SF
Friday 8 September	10am – 5pm	Queen Elizabeth University Hospital (parking opposite pond) 1345 Govan Road, Glasgow, G51 4TF
Monday 11 September	10am-5pm	Inverclyde Hospital (staff car park - enter Larkfield unit, round corner on left hand side) Larkfield Road, Greenock, PA16 0XN
Tuesday 12 September	10am-5pm	Royal Alexandra Hospital (back of hospital near estates/facilities) Corsebar Drive, Paisley, PA2 9PN
Wednesday 13 September	10am-5pm	Vale of Leven Hospital Main Street, Alexandria, G83 0UA
Thursday 14 September	10am-5pm	Stobhill Hospital (layby next to minor injuries) 133 Balornock Road, Glasgow, G21 3UW
Friday 15 September	10am-5pm	Victoria ACH Hospital (car park at the rear of the Victoria opposite the minor injuries department) 55 Grange Road, Glasgow, G42 9LL

Get in touch

We are ready to answer your calls and emails from 8am until 8.30pm every day of the week. We will also text and email you where we have key shifts to fill.

Employee on Line (EOL) remains your first point of contact allowing you to view and book shifts from your phone, tablet or laptop. Our contact number is 0141 278 2555 and our email is staff.bank@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

Is there something we should know?



We welcome your input for topics to cover or news to share and are always working to improve our communication.

If you think there is a topic we should be covering or a site or service that we can profile please let us know by leaving us your suggestions via this link - [Newsletter Feedback](#)