

# Team Talk

Better Health • Better Care • Better Value • Better Workplace

June 2026

## Better Health

**Cervical Screening Awareness Week 2026 runs from 15 to 21 June, promoting regular smear tests to prevent cervical cancer.**

It's a quick test to check for the human papillomavirus (HPV) or changes in cervical cells and is available to women, and anyone with a cervix, aged between 25 and 64.

We encourage staff who are due, or overdue, a cervical screening test to contact their GP practice to arrange an appointment.

Find out more at [NHS Inform](https://www.nhs.uk/inform).



**John O'Dowd**  
Interim Director  
of Public Health



## Better Care

**Our Leading the Way Celebration Event insights are now available.** This includes key themes and reflections from workshops with nursing and midwifery colleagues.

As well as looking back at Year 1 progress of the Leading the Way Strategy, we also consider priorities for Year 2, sharing learning and commitments to build on this progress.

Please [review the insights](#), and identify practical actions to apply to your area. Email us with any questions: [ggc.person.centered@nhs.scot](mailto:ggc.person.centered@nhs.scot).



**Professor Angela Wallace**  
Executive Director  
of Nursing



## Better Workplace

**June marks Pride Month, celebrating our LGBTQ+ staff, patients and communities, and reaffirming our commitment to supporting an inclusive workplace.**

The LGBTQ+ Staff Forum will be visiting sites across NHSGGC throughout June, an opportunity to meet Forum members, find out more, and show support. The schedule can be found [here](#).

To find out more or get involved, visit the [LGBTQ+ Staff Forum](#) page or contact the Forum at [ggc.lgbtstaff.forum@nhs.scot](mailto:ggc.lgbtstaff.forum@nhs.scot).



**Liam Spence**  
Head of Staff Experience &  
Interim Head of OD



**Nominations are now open for the refreshed NHSGGC Excellence Awards 2026, with new categories recognising outstanding patient care, innovation, technology, sustainability, wellbeing and more.**

Discuss with your teams if you have a project, programme or an outstanding member of staff who should be nominated.

This is your chance to celebrate colleagues and teams making a difference every day.

Find out more: [NHSGGC website](#).



**Professor Jann Gardner**  
Chief Executive  
NHSGGC



### Team Talk – Questions to discuss with your manager



- How does this affect me?
- Where can I find more information?
- How can I get involved?

### Do you have a suggestion for Team Talk?



Email: [ggc.teamtalk@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:ggc.teamtalk@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)

**Please discuss this briefing with your team.**