

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue provides information on a new FAI resource for staff, reminds staff about the out of hours press office and provides a link to an NHS Ayrshire and Arran press release on an MS foot drop study.

Fatal Accident Inquiries (FAIs) for NHS staff

An NHS Education for Scotland (NES) resource for staff who may have to attend a Fatal Accident Inquiry is now available on StaffNet - [click here](#).

NHSGGC is the only Health Board in Scotland to have a nominated lead who manages FAIs, and Procurator Fiscal Investigations, and who also provides one-to-one witness support/guidance to staff throughout these processes. You can contact our lead by email: Rachel.McGowan@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

The production of this new resource is part of the development of a new NES website "Support Around Death" www.sad.scot.nhs.uk, this will also have a dedicated FAI page.

Hard copies of the booklet can be requested from Rachel.

NHSGGC Press Office

Staff are reminded that we have an Out of Hours press office facility which is staffed by three Senior Media Relations Officers, 24 hours a day, 365 days per year.

From time to time they will need to contact staff to gather information to respond to an incident or press enquiry.

The team consists of Lorraine Dick, Mark Dell and Claire Cook. We understand that staff who do not know these team members personally may be reluctant to share information over the 'phone.

We suggest that you simply take the officer's name and call them back on the on-call press office number, tel: **0141 201 4429**, this is also [available on our website](#)

NHS Ayrshire and Arran press release

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) foot drop study

A team of physiotherapists from NHS Ayrshire & Arran is carrying out a research study into the current treatments available to people with MS who have a foot drop.

The research is being carried out on people who are known to MS services in Boards across Scotland. [To find out more click here.](#)