

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue provides information on the Victoria Infirmary, Lancet article, best June A&E performance since 2011 and drive to increase bowel screening participation.

New owners announced for Victoria Infirmary site

The former Victoria Infirmary site is set to be redeveloped by Sanctuary Group after impressing with their vision on how they plan to move forward with the site.

The sale of the 9.5 acre site to the not-for-profit housing and care provider comes after it was put on the market in October last year following the transfer of services to the new Queen Elizabeth University Hospital.

The site attracted considerable interest from house builders and development companies but following a robust and detailed evaluation process of a shortlist of bidders Sanctuary made the winning submission. [Click here to read the full NHSGGC press release.](#)

Pioneering trial offering huge benefits for patients needing dialysis recognised by The Lancet

A pioneering trial led by a number of our surgeons and anaesthetists to improve the treatment of dialysis patients has been recognised in the prestigious international journal The Lancet.

The results of the trial, led by one of our surgical registrars, have seen remarkable benefits for patients who require an arteriovenous fistula (an artificial passageway between an artery and a vein) before beginning dialysis.

By using a regional anaesthetic the patient's arm is frozen from the shoulder down and this is proving a huge benefit in terms of improved vascular access for dialysis. [Click here to read the full NHSGGC press release.](#)

Best June A&E performance since 2011

In June, Scotland's A&E departments saw and subsequently admitted, transferred or discharged 95.7% of patients within four hours.

This is the best June performance since 2011 and the best monthly performance since July last year. [Click here to read the full press release.](#)

Drive to increase bowel screening participation

A drive has been launched to encourage more Scots to return their bowel screening tests in August. Latest figures show, on average, 43,500 bowel screening tests are returned in August but some people are still delaying doing their test as this figure is 8,500 fewer than the highest month of the year for test returns - October. [Click here to read the full press release.](#)

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