

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue of Core Brief includes information on new guidance issued on the use of e-cigarettes on NHS grounds and the St Mungo's Medal revived after 70 years.

Guidance on the use of e-cigarettes on NHS grounds

New guidance has been issued on the use of electronic cigarettes on NHS grounds.

The key points that staff should be aware of are follows:

- The Smokefree Policy 2017 ensures a more consistent approach to e-cigarette use (vaping) with the 'e-cig friendly' approach now adopted by smoking cessation services and continues to support people attempting to quit whilst ensuring our grounds are smokefree.
- Staff, patients and visitors are permitted to use e-cigarettes on NHS healthcare facility grounds
- Local restrictions apply on some Mental Health facilities e.g. Forensic and Intensive Psychiatric Care Units
- Staff may only utilise e-cigarettes during rest breaks
- There are no additional breaks for smokers or those using e-cigarettes
- E-cigarettes cannot be used within buildings or at entrances and exits to buildings. This applies to patients, visitors and staff
- For more information on the use and charging of e-cigarette devices and the Smokefree Policy [click here](#)
- Copies of the guidance leaflet can be downloaded for patients and staff at the link as above.

St Mungo's medal revived after 70 years

A prestigious research medal, which has been revived after 70 years, will be awarded later at Glasgow Royal Infirmary.

The St Mungo's Medal was awarded from 1894 until 1944 by the St Mungo's College of Medicine to students and junior doctors for pioneering research. The College was founded in 1876 and incorporated within Glasgow Royal Infirmary before being amalgamated into University of Glasgow in 1947.

Medical and University administrative staff worked with the University's Curator of Coins and Medals at the Hunterian Museum to uncover the once dormant St Mungo's Medal and bring it back to life in the 21st century.

At today's (Friday 10 February) meeting, Professor Dame Anna Dominiczak, Vice Principal and Head of the College of Medical, Veterinary & Life Sciences, University of Glasgow will present the winners with the new St Mungo's Medal.

One of the organisers, Dr Adrian Stanley said: "Most people are aware that St Mungo was the founder and patron saint of Glasgow and he has a special place in the heart of many Glaswegians. In the late 19th and early 20th century, the medal in his name was strongly contested amongst students and doctors, with awards given for Medicine, Surgery, Physiology, Chemistry and even Zoology!

"The committee had the idea to revive the St Mungo's Medal as the prize for a newly planned annual GRI research meeting, but few of us thought there would be such a massive response to the call for abstract submissions. In just a short time we received 85 submissions from all areas of medicine including Orthopaedics, ENT, Medicine and Surgery.

"This new St Mungo's research meeting has been extremely well supported by senior figures from both NHSGGC and the University of Glasgow and is a fantastic example of the strong NHS-academic links at GRI which are so important to enable the high quality research to flourish there."

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