

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue of Core Brief details the importance of wearing your ID badge; Hepatitis B vaccination shortage; and a Scottish Government release on strengthening pharmacy.

ID Badges

Following the events in Barcelona last week, staff are reminded of the importance of wearing their ID badges.

Wearing your official ID badge is essential. If you do not have one then you must take urgent action to get one.

Many NHSGGC staff also wear the yellow "Hello my name is" badge... this is not a security ID badge and you are also required to wear the official photo ID identity card.

Many of our hospitals and community facilities have security doors. They are there to ensure only those authorised or escorted by an authorised person can enter these areas. Please ensure you do not allow unauthorised persons to follow you into these areas – ask anyone coming in behind you to show you their ID badge.

Hepatitis B vaccination shortage

It has recently been announced that there is a global shortage of Hepatitis B vaccine. Supplies are expected to resume in early 2018.

The Occupational Health Service is currently risk assessing all booked appointments and those who do not require immediate vaccination will have their appointment rescheduled when supplies become available.

Staff are reminded to use safe sharps and to dispose of all sharps safely and responsibly. All blood and body fluids should be handled with appropriate care and in line with Board infection control guidelines. Risk assessments should be reviewed as required.

Any member of staff who sustains a needlestick injury must report to Occupational Health on 0141 201 (8)0595 between the hours of 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday. Injuries occurring out with these hours should be notified to Accident and Emergency. The staff member's line manager must ensure that the appropriate source patient risk assessment is undertaken. This risk assessment is of increased importance during the vaccine shortage. The needle stick policy can be accessed at <http://www.nhsggc.org.uk/media/243210/oh-needlestick-similar-injury-policy-v1-2017.pdf>

New strategy on improving and integrating services

The Scottish Government has released its plan to strengthen the role of pharmacy in both hospital and the community.

'Achieving Excellence in Pharmaceutical Care' aims to transform the role of pharmacy across all areas of practice, increase capacity, and offer the best possible person-centred care.

The Scottish Government's Chief Pharmaceutical Officer Dr Rose Marie Parr launched the new strategy while visiting the pharmacy team within the GP practice at Port Glasgow Health Centre and the community pharmacy team at M&D Green Pharmacy in Port Glasgow, one of the sites where the extended Minor Ailment Service is being piloted in Inverclyde.

[Click here](#) to read the full release.

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