

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue brings you importance information about Sharps LearnPro modules and highlights HealthNews our online digital magazine for the public.

Sharps LearnPro modules

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has set out a requirement that all staff who use sharps, or may come into contact with sharps, must complete LearnPro Sharps modules.

With only around 9,000 people completing at least one of the modules so far there is a significant number of staff who have still to complete their training.

Every year a number of staff receive injuries from sharps devices, these modules can help you to protect yourself from injuries and incidents.

The HSE have indicated that they will return to NHSGGC over the coming months and this entails visiting a range of workplaces and asking staff about their knowledge of sharps safety and how to prevent and act when there is a sharps injury. Managers should also ensure that the toolbox talks on sharps safety have been highlighted to all staff either directly or through team meetings - [click here](#).

To access the sharps module(s) simply log onto LearnPro and locate the modules as required below:

1. All staff **who may come into contact with** a healthcare related sharp (needle, blade etc) **must** complete the module below:

LearnPro Tab – Role Specific Mandatory Modules | Module – GGC: Management of Needlestick and Similar Injuries

2. All staff **who use** a healthcare related sharp **must** complete **both** the above module and the module below:

LearnPro Tab – ‘Infection Prevention and Control’ | Course – ‘NES: Scottish IPC Education Pathway’ | Module – ‘Prevention and Management of Occupational Exposure’

NB If you cannot find the above modules, type ‘needle’ or ‘sharp’ into the search bar in LearnPro and both modules will be displayed.

Skin Health

Staff are also reminded of the importance of skin health. The number of managers completing the skin

health managers module is low and managers are asked to make sure this is undertaken as a priority. All areas with glove users or staff who wash their hands 20 or more times per day should also have a responsible person in place to help implement the skin health procedures, again these modules are available on LearnPro and staff are encouraged to make sure that their training is up-to-date.

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