

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue brings you information on the a message from the Chief Executive.

A message to all staff from Jane Grant, Chief Executive

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my thanks to all our staff who have braved the weather and have made it into work to deliver compassionate and safe care to our patients both in the community and in our hospitals today.

We understand the challenges the current adverse weather poses for our staff and line managers will exercise their discretion in dealing with staff issues.

As the weather is expected to deteriorate later today and into tomorrow staff are reminded that NHSGGC's adverse weather guidance is available on HR Connect at: [HR Connect > Policies and Staff Governance > HR Policies > Adverse Weather](#) and includes information on:

- Difficulties reaching your normal place of work
- Staff unable to report for duty
- Patient non attendance
- Early release of employees

This guidance aims to assist managers and staff to respond effectively to challenging weather conditions including accessing an alternative workplace if it is impossible to reach your normal place of work.

More general advice on the simple steps we can all take in adverse weather in the home, before a journey, at work and in our communities is available at readyscotland.org

We are communicating widely with the public about how best to use NHS services and community pharmacies, NHS 24, GP Out of Hours services and Minor Injury Units where appropriate. The media have been very supportive too in reporting our request that people with flu symptoms should not visit relatives or friends in our hospitals to help reduce the spread of flu.

Are your contact details up-to-date? [Click here to check](#)