

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue of Core Brief brings your information on an incident at Gartnavel General Hospital, the appointment of a new Director of Allied Health Professions and iMatter/Dignity at Work.

Gartnavel General Hospital

You may be aware of media reports of an incident at Gartnavel General this morning.

External contractors were carrying out planned asbestos removal from a non-patient area in Gartnavel General Hospital.

During this work dust triggered a fire alarm, the Fire Service attended and we carried out precautionary air quality tests to establish if there was any asbestos contamination. Staff and patient movements were also restricted for a short time to ensure their safety.

We can now confirm that all air tests have come back clear – with no evidence of airborne asbestos. The temporary restriction on staff and patient movements has now been lifted.

We would like to thank our colleagues in the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service for their swift assistance this morning.

New Director of Allied Health Professions appointed

A new Director of Allied Health Professions has been appointed to lead the Board's allied health professionals in their contribution to service improvement and the delivery of excellence in all aspects of patient care.

Claire Ritchie will join NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde on 1st April 2018 bringing with her a wealth of experience built up over 30 years in working within the NHS in Scotland. She is currently AHP Rehabilitation Consultant – Older People with NHS Lanarkshire as well as holding the role of National Lead AHP Older People with the Scottish Government.

Dr Margaret McGuire, Board Nurse Director said 'I am delighted that Claire is joining us and am sure that her knowledge, experience and enthusiasm will bring about real benefits to the Board, the AHP community, and most of all to the patients we serve'.

Claire said 'NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde has a reputation for innovation and development, and I very much welcome the opportunity to take this key strategic leadership role forward. We are operating in unprecedented times of change, with the maturing of Health and Social Care Partnerships and the

delivery of unscheduled care performance, and this will be an optimum time for the Allied Health Professionals to lead and contribute to improved services for people, within this landscape'.

iMatter/Dignity at Work

We welcome the findings of the recent Health and Social Care Staff Experience Report 2017, which also includes the 2017 iMatter and Dignity at Work results.

It is encouraging to see the positive board-wide iMatter staff responses which indicate support and confidence in line managers, as well as a very good understanding around individual roles and responsibilities.

We will continue to work to improve the visibility of senior managers and involvement in decisions across the organisation. The Health and Social Care Staff Experience Report outcomes for NHSGGC are very much in line with the national outcomes.

Similarly, our staff responses regarding the Dignity at Work survey are in line with national statistics. We will consider the responses carefully and work with our Area Partnership Forum and Staff Governance Committee to develop actions plans to address matters raised within the Health and Social Care Staff Experience Report.

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