

# Core brief

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## Introduction

This issue brings you information on the introduction of the Carers (Scotland) Act and reminds staff of the importance of their fire safety training.

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## The Carers (Scotland) Act

From the 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2018 the Carers (Scotland) Act requires, **by law** that carers are involved in discussions and decisions about the person they care for, before they are discharged from hospital.

To achieve this, hospital staff need to ensure carers and young carers are **Identified, Involved and Supported**.

Identifying, Involving and Supporting carers builds on existing good practice within NHSGGC and a range of materials have been produced to help staff to support carers – see below links.

## So are you ready for the Act?

**Identify carers:** Does your patient have ongoing support needs when they go home? Find out who provides this support, they might be their carer. Your patient may be a carer for someone else.

**Involving carers:** If you have identified that your patient has a carer you should then involve them in discussions and decisions about the person they care for in preparation for your patient going home. Make sure your patient has agreed to this.

**Supporting carers:** Make sure carers know about community support that is available to them. Give every carer the 'Are you looking after someone' flyer.

[Click here to visit the website](#) for all your carers information and training materials to be launched in April, and go to <http://www.phrd.scot.nhs.uk/HPAC/Index.jsp> for copies of carers leaflets and posters.

***Carers are individuals who provide or intend to provide unpaid, practical, physical and emotional support to relatives, friends or neighbours due to physical or mental illness, addiction frailty or disability.***

## Fire Safety Training

All staff have a legal requirement to complete their General Awareness Fire Safety Training!

Staff must ensure that they have completed their **GENERAL AWARENESS FIRE SAFETY TRAINING** by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

There is still time for this training to be completed if you have not already done so. **The training will take no longer than 45 minutes** and can be done on LearnPro:

[https://nhs.learnprouk.com/lms/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=/lms/user\\_level/welcome.aspx](https://nhs.learnprouk.com/lms/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=/lms/user_level/welcome.aspx)

For Staff who do not have access to LearnPro please speak to your Line Manager as face to face General Awareness Fire Training sessions are being run across the Board at all sites.

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