

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue of Core Brief details information on Speak Up our new medicines waste campaign; media release on Pay rise for NHS staff; and NHSScotland Global Citizenship Programme.

Speak Up!

A new campaign to tackle medicines waste has been launched today, backed by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and the Health and Social Care Partnerships in our area.

Every year in NHSScotland, £20 million is spent on medicines that are unused and can't be recycled.

You can help tackle this issue by speaking up whenever you see medicines waste.

This could be in your home, if you take medicine yourself or care for someone else who does.

Or it could be at work, if you see waste in the way medicines are packaged, stored, and stocked.

The Speak up! campaign aims to raise awareness of the significant and growing problem of medicines waste and to let staff know what you can do to help tackle it.

The campaign will run over four months and includes messages on repeat prescriptions, self care, the use of generic drugs rather than branded versions and ways in which staff can help tackle waste.

Look out for the campaign posters, articles in staff newsletters, and on social media. To find out more, go to the dedicated webpages nhsggc.org.uk/speakup.

Help us to tackle medicines waste and use our resources better.

Scottish Government media release on Pay rise for NHS staff

NHSScotland staff will be offered at least a 9% pay rise over the next three years.

The proposals will see all 147,000 NHS 'Agenda for Change' staff benefit from a pay uplift, linked to an examination of potential reforms to some terms and conditions.

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

NHS Scotland Global Citizenship Programme

The Scottish Government has developed the NHSScotland Global Citizenship Programme which aims to build on the country's existing international development achievements.

NHSScotland staff are already playing a major role in the country's global contribution across the international community however, this programme will ensure NHS staff are better supported and co-ordinated in order to enable more staff to participate in Global Citizenship.

Part of this new initiative involves encouraging all staff who have been involved in contributing to global health to register as NHSScotland Champions and a Champions network has already been established so that the good work that is taking place involves better supported and co-ordinated partnership working.

The current position is that the programme wants to understand the different global health projects and work being undertaken by NHS staff and Boards and we have been asked to provide information about all such initiatives by the 4 July.

[Click here](#) to download the supporting guidance and a form to fill out (you must be on the network so access the form on StaffNet). Please note each initiative/contribution needs to be completed on a separate form. Forms should be returned to: Linda.Cobain@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

Staff working on 'Global Projects' should also consider entering the International Service category in this year's special platinum Chairman's Awards. For more information, visit: www.nhsggc.org.uk/chairmansawards

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