

# Core brief

Friday, 24 August 2018

## Introduction

This issue brings you news of the new FairWarning system and health and safety incident reporting.

---

### **FairWarning – protecting patient confidentiality**

As part of our requirement to continue to protect confidentiality and security of our electronic records we have implemented FairWarning. FairWarning is a privacy monitoring solution that detects unauthorised or inappropriate access to our electronic records.

FairWarning will be in operation from 1 October 2018.

Examples of privacy breaches include:

- VIP snooping – unauthorised/unnecessary examination of records of celebrities, politicians and criminals.
- Other snooping - accessing records of colleagues, friends, family or neighbours. This may be malicious and/or simple nosiness, it may even be at the request of these individuals – all are breaches of the policy.
- Self examination - examining your own record breaches the policy.
- Logging on as someone else – using the logon of a fellow member of staff, even in the course of treating a legitimate patient, breaches the policy.

Whatever the motivation for inappropriately accessing patient records - from simple curiosity through to criminal intent, you are reminded that all breaches will be investigated. This may result in disciplinary action and legal proceedings being taken against the offender.

For further information, please contact the Information Governance Team at [data.protection@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:data.protection@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)

### **Health and safety incident reporting**

It's important that all incidents – including injuries, near misses and device defects – are reported on Datix to keep our staff safe at work.

[To find out more click here.](#)

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