

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue brings you news about CAMHS waiting times target, Glasgow City HSCP joins fight to stub out smoking, Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry and the witness liaison service.

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde continues to exceed CAMHS waiting times target

We welcome the publication of Audit Scotland's national report on Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).

The Board continues to exceed the Scottish Government's target of seeing 90% of children and young people with mental health issues within 18 weeks.

Stephen McLeod, head of Specialist Children's Services, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, said: "Referral rates to our Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services have remained steady in recent years with the average length of wait currently meeting, and exceeding, Scottish Government waiting time targets. [Click here to read more.](#)

Glasgow City HSCP joins fight to stub out smoking

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) has thrown its weight behind a national bid to make the country tobacco free by 2034.

Fiona Moss, the HSCP's head of Health Improvement & Inequality signed the ASH Scotland charter for a Tobacco Free Generation.

She was joined at the signing in Castlemilk Park by children, families and staff from the Jeely Piece Club as well as key HSCP staff.

As part of the pledge, signage requesting that children's play parks remain smokefree was installed with further signs to be in place at more play parks across the city over the year. [Click here to read more.](#)

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde statement on Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry

We have been advised today of the decision to include the former Lennox Castle Hospital in the scope of the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry.

We have no further details at this stage but will support the work of the Inquiry in their investigations into any allegations of historical abuse at the former psychiatric/learning disability hospital, which closed in 2002. [Click here to view the Inquiry statement.](#)

Witness Liaison Service

We have a dedicated in-house witness liaison service to support all NHS professions cited to attend court in relation to cases such as:

- Fatal Accident Inquiries (FAI's)
- Nursing and Midwifery Hearings (NMC)
- Litigation Cases (Legal Claims)
- Criminal Trials
- Children's Hearings

A dedicated StaffNet site, [Corporate Services > Staff Witness Support and Guidance](#) has now been developed to provide more information, resources and guidance.

If staff have any questions, they should contact Rachel McGowan, email:
NHSGGCWitnessSupport@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

You can also watch a YouTube video explaining the staff witness support service at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z4j8FfQxgJQ>

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