

# Core brief

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## Introduction

This issue bring to your attention the switchover of safer sharps, have you had you flu jab – Marie Farrell (Director of Clyde) has, West Dunbartonshire picks up at UNICEF Gold award.

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## Switchover to safer sharps devices – update October 2018

As part of our efforts to reduce needlestick injuries to all staff, we have been working to replace non-safe devices with safe versions and introduce controls to allow the continued use of non-safe versions, where there are sound clinical reasons for this.

We have made significant progress in the switchover and the following categories of products have been reviewed resulting in a greater volume of safe sharp products being used. Non safe sharps which are still available are now controlled and restricted only to approved users.

Category	Restrictions Applied
Hypodermic Needles	December 2017
Cannula PVC	February 2018
Blood Collection Sets (Butterflies)	February 2018
Insulin Safety Devices	April 2018
Lancets	April 2018
Winged Infusion Sets	April 2018
Scalpels	May 2018
Review of Royal Hospital for Children	September 2018
Custom Packs a) Scalpels	September 2018
Custom Packs b) Ophthalmology	September 2018
Custom Packs c) Mixed sharps	September 2018

We are currently carrying out a "Final Sweep" to catch any products that may not have been previously included. To assist with this, Procurement will be contacting departments throughout October to ask for information on sharp containing products.

The Health and Safety Service will then be carrying out a sharps audit in November 2018. More information will follow.

As a reminder we are again highlighting the processes for accessing the **mandatory** LearnPro training modules on sharps safety as below:

1. All staff **who may come into contact with** a healthcare related sharp (including accidental contact in the work environment) **must** complete the module located on LearnPro below:

Tab – Role Specific Mandatory Modules

Course – GGC: Management of Needlestick and Similar Injuries

2. All staff **who use** a healthcare related sharp **must** complete both the above module and the module below:

Tab – 'Infection Prevention and Control'

Course – 'NES: Scottish IPC Education Pathway'

Module – 'Prevention and Management of Occupational Exposure'

**NB** If you cannot find the above modules, type 'needle' or 'sharp' into the search bar in LearnPro and both modules will be displayed.

### **Don't infect, protect**

Marie Farrell (Director of Clyde) has had her flu jab and is a real flu hero! Have you stepped up and had yours yet? [Click here for more information.](#)

### **UNICEF Gold accreditation for West Dunbartonshire health visiting team**

Health visiting teams in West Dunbartonshire have been awarded a Unicef Gold accreditation for their high standard of practice in infant feeding.

The teams offer support, guidance and developmental assessments for children from birth until the age of five years in West Dunbartonshire.

Health Visitors received the award as part of Unicef's Baby Friendly Initiative for the range of support and advice they offer to parents to develop the skills they need to look after their infant.

As well as providing a high standard of support in infant feeding, the Health Visiting staff also provide support to families experiencing adversity, assessing children's development in key areas, and support to parents and families to develop positive parenting practices. [Click here to read more.](#)

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