

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue of Core Brief details information on our BSL plan; NHSGGC Cardiac Arrest Dataset; and a news release issued to encourage more BME donors.

BSL Plan

The British Sign Language (Scotland) Act 2015 is a unique piece of legislation which will mean better access, inclusion and a sense of belonging for Deaf British Sign Language (BSL) users in Scotland.

In response to the Act, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's own BSL Plan has now been produced in consultation with our Deaf BSL patients.

With over 4500 BSL users living in the Greater Glasgow and Clyde area, we are already involved in a range of activities to help raise awareness of BSL as a language and culture and to make sure our patients have access to BSL interpreting whenever they need it.

These include:

- Our in-house BSL interpreting service and the introduction of BSL Online Interpreting in emergency services across all sites
- A health improvement practitioner for Mental Health and the Deaf community
- A dedicated YouTube channel for information in BSL
- Staff training in BSL and communication skills
- The establishment of BSL Health Champions

To view the NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde BSL Plan and for more information on our BSL activities, go to the [Equalities in Health website](#).

NHSGGC Cardiac Arrest Dataset

From 1 November 2018, cardiac arrests in NHSGGC will be recorded as clinical incidents on the Datix Incident Management module, with a new category of incident being created for "2222 call/ cardiac arrest". The Datix module should be completed by the ward/clinical area where the call originated.

The dataset, on the care preceding the 2222 call/cardiac arrest is for acute inpatients, to help to understand whether there were any missed opportunities to prevent deterioration. This dataset is separate from the 2222 audit form that is in use, and will have no impact on this existing process.

A copy of the dataset, work flow and guidance is available from Paula.Spaven@ggc.scot.nhs.uk who can also assist with any questions/ queries.

News release issued to encourage more BME donors

More people from black and minority ethnic (BME) backgrounds are now donating their organs after they have died, but there is still an urgent shortage of donors to help black patients who need lifesaving or life enhancing organ transplants.

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

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