

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue of Core Brief brings you news about the Patient Administration Transformation Programme and the Scottish Government's alcohol strategy.

Patient Administration Transformation Programme - Update for Acute Services Administrative Staff

A previous Core Brief ([9 November 2018](#)) provided information on the patient administration transformation programme.

Unfortunately due to circumstances outwith our control an options appraisal exercise that had been scheduled for Friday 16 November was unable to take place.

The Programme Board recognises that this is a key piece of work in shaping the future service delivery model and therefore arrangements are being made to reschedule the workshop at the earliest opportunity. In the meantime it will be necessary to review the implementation timescales for Phase 1 – ward clerks and transcription services - which had been planned for December 2018. This will be discussed at the next Programme Board meeting on 23 November following which we will issue a further update.

Staff can continue to ask questions or raise concerns through our dedicated SharePoint page at <http://www.staffnet.ggc.scot.nhs.uk/Corporate%20Services/eHealth/eGov/PAT/Pages/PAT.aspx>

Fresh strategy to tackle alcohol harm

The Scottish Government today launched its Alcohol Framework 2018: Preventing Harm' which aims to curb the marketing of alcoholic drinks to protect children.

Alcohol producers will be urged to put health information on labels, and the current minimum unit price of 50 pence will be reviewed after 1 May 2020.

Alcohol misuse costs Scotland £3.6 billion each year – £900 for every adult – and on average, almost 700 Scots are hospitalised because of their drinking every week. [Click here to read more.](#)

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