

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue brings you news about the EU settlement scheme pilot, FairWarning and eESS.

EU Settlement Scheme pilot

In advance of the UK's exit from the EU on 29 March 2019, the UK and Scottish Governments have committed to protect the rights of EU citizens and their family members currently living in the UK. This includes the right to live and work here and access public services such as healthcare and benefits. To retain these rights **after 31 December 2020**, EU citizens must apply for UK immigration status under the EU Settlement Scheme.

There will be a Home Office pilot of the EU Settlement Scheme which is available for health and social care staff including NHSGGC employees from 29 Nov – 21 Dec 2018.

This pilot is testing the application process that EU citizens and their family members will use when the scheme opens fully next year. Feedback about your experience will be used to make improvements to the process before the Scheme fully launches to the public by 30 March 2019.

Full details of the pilot and how to apply are available at: www.nhsggc.org.uk/brexitinfo

FairWarning

As you will be aware the Board has recently gone live with FairWarning, a tool which helps us to monitor potential inappropriate access and possible breaches of confidentiality around patient and staff records.

Staff are reminded that:

- The ability to access staff or patient confidential records does not imply the right to view them
- You may not access your own, your partner's record, or those of family, friends, colleagues, neighbours, or anyone else, unless this is specifically called for as part of your duties.

If you wish to see your own record you should apply to the Health Records Department of the hospital you were treated at or contact your GP.

The penalties for accessing staff or patient records inappropriately include dismissal, removal from professional registers and prosecution.

The new FairWarning audit system means that any member of staff abusing their access privileges in this way will almost certainly be caught – with very serious consequences.

For more information please contact the Information Governance Team at Data.protection@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

eESS

Some users have been experiencing slow or problematic access to eESS. This has been raised to the National Team and the system operator, ATOS who are currently reviewing this to provide a resolution as soon as possible.

A large number of enquiries have been received by the eESS Support Team. If you are experiencing any difficulties logging on to eESS your patience would be appreciated.

eESS quick start guides for [employees](#) and [managers](#). Please use these guides to try and troubleshoot any logon, user issues or advice on what to review/update.

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