

# Core brief

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## Introduction

This issue of Core Brief details information on the Long Service Badges and updates on the staff flu immunisation programme.

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## Long Service Badges

Our long service recognition badges have arrived at Board HQ and our communications team have been busy sorting them out and addressing them for internal mail delivery to all staff who registered to receive one.

So far thousands have been sent out to staff but there's a lot of work being done to process the sending of almost 5,000 badges.

All those with 40 years service have been sent the set of 20 years; 30 years and 40 years service badges. Now the task is to get the rest issued as quickly as possible.

If you haven't yet signed up for your long service badge then all you have to do to get your hands on one is complete the online form – it's that simple.

All years working within the NHS counts even with another NHS Board or Trust. If you are currently an NHSGGC employee then the badges are for you.

To receive your badge, simply complete the online form at: [www.nhsggc.org.uk/longservice](http://www.nhsggc.org.uk/longservice)

## Staff flu vaccination update

Staff uptake of the flu vaccine is up on last year with 16,853 (43.5 per cent) of staff now protected against the virus.

Staff in our Health and Social Care Partnerships have recorded a far higher uptake than those in our acute division but there's still time for anyone not yet protected to get vaccinated.

The evidence so far this winter is that the vaccination is highly effective against the strains that are currently evident in Scotland.

East Renfrewshire HSCP have triumphed and reached 100 per cent of staff immunised with West Dunbartonshire not far behind at 94 per cent. All HSCP's achieved high numbers of staff vaccinated with just Glasgow City HSCP and Inverclyde HSCP not quite reaching the 60 per cent target.

None of our acute hospital sites have reached the 60 per cent target although Dykebar, Inverclyde Royal, the New Victoria, Vale of Leven and the Dental hospitals are all just short of reaching 50 per cent.

There is still time for you to protect yourself, simply ask your local peer immuniser to vaccinate you or contact occupational health and arrange to be vaccinated at one of their clinics, call: 0141 201 0626.

Be a Flu Hero this year and get vaccinated.

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