

# Core brief

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## Introduction

This Core Brief brings you news about smoking cessation success and a pre-employment training programme success.

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## Delivering success

The number of pregnant women across Greater Glasgow and Clyde who have attempted to quit smoking has doubled since the launch of Quit Your Way in March.

Smoking in pregnancy is a leading preventable cause of maternal and neonatal illness and death.

Around 5,000 fetuses and babies die from smoking during pregnancy annually in the UK.

Smoking in pregnancy can cost the NHS up to £64 million per year for problems in mothers and up to £23.5 million for infants. [Click here to read more.](#)

## Pre-employment training programme success

We recently celebrated the success of the latest group of trainees to complete an NHSGGC pre-employment training programme. This latest programme was delivered in partnership with Clyde Gateway, Skills Development Scotland, Jobcentre Plus, Jobs & Business Glasgow and Routes into Work South.

Over the two programmes we welcomed 21 trainees on a six week training programme where they benefitted from classroom based training and work placement activity. This provided them with the knowledge and skills required for the job roles and an opportunity to test out the environment and duties. We are delighted to report that of the 14 trainees who completed the programme 11 have moved into employment within NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, and another 3 have secured employment with other employers. Two of the trainees who didn't complete the programme have gone onto employment elsewhere.

The spirit of collaboration and teamwork across all of the parties involved in delivering these programmes has been extremely positive and rewarding and the programme's success is evidence of that. We have relied upon our colleagues across the organisation to help with the trainee selection process, to host training and to provide supportive placement experiences. Thanks go to our training, management and domestic supervisor colleagues at Glasgow Royal Infirmary who helped deliver the support services assistant programme, and also to the practice education facilitators, lead nurses, senior charge nurses and ward teams who supported the healthcare supporter worker cohort.

Without the support and enthusiasm of these colleagues we wouldn't have been able to offer such a comprehensive programme or successfully transition 11 people into what we hope will be a long and rewarding career with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.