

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue informs you of the appointment of a new Chief Operating Officer and highlights a thank you message from the Chief Executive.

New Chief Operating Officer appointed

I am pleased to inform you that, following a competitive recruitment process, Jonathan Best has today been appointed Chief Operating Officer.

Jonathan is already well known to many of you and has many years of experience at a senior level including as Chief Executive of the former Yorkhill NHS Trust and more recently as Director of North Glasgow Division.

His substantive appointment as Chief Operating Officer follows a period as Interim Chief Operating Officer and Executive Lead for our Moving Forward Together Programme.

I am sure you will join me in wishing Jonathan well in his new role.

Thank you

On Tuesday I shared with you the outcome of a meeting the Chairman and I and some of my senior team had with the Cabinet Secretary to discuss issues surrounding the on-going investigations into the two cases of Cryptococcus at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital.

The days since have continued to see fairly intense political and media commentary which undoubtedly has an impact on all of us as well as our patients.

When one media organisation issued a Tweet asking people to share their experiences of the QEUH the overwhelming response was of praise for the staff and for the care and services they received when they needed it.

This response came as no surprise to me as I know that you are all committed to our patients and provide excellent care and support to patients and their families.

At times such as this it is important not to lose sight of the quality of your work and the high regard people have for staff right across NHSGGC.