

# Core brief

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## Introduction

A mental health project has been shortlisted for an award for deaf people to access mental health services, a stem cell “first” at RHC, and a Brexit update.

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### **Mental Health project shortlisted for award dedicated to tackling communication barriers**

Congratulations to Paul Hull, one of our health improvement practitioners, who has led on a major Mental Health project making it easier for deaf people to access mental health services.

Now his excellent work has been recognised with the project being shortlisted as a finalist at an awards ceremony dedicated to breaking down communication barriers in Scotland. [Click here to read the full press release.](#)

### **Stem Cell "First" for the Royal Hospital for Children**

Glasgow's Royal Hospital for Children has become the first in Scotland to have a dedicated paediatric stem-cell transplant clinical psychologist.

This ground-breaking appointment will deliver huge benefits to young patients by better supporting their mental health as well as their physical health.

Dr Helen Broome says she's 'excited' to be part of the Stem Cell Transplant team at the RHC saying: “I hope to support and improve the quality of life for young people and their families who are going through a stem cell transplant and to develop research ideas which will help shape the service and improve the patients' experience.”

The post is funded by the blood cancer charity Anthony Nolan. [Click here to read the full press release.](#)

### **Brexit update**

NHSGGC is working hard to continue to plan for the UK leaving the EU and the potential that there could be a no deal departure on 29 March 2019. In this event the national planning guidelines considers there may be six to eight weeks disruption at UK Borders.

We are wholly committed to ensuring our EU staff and their families have access to up-to-date information, support and advice during this period of uncertainty. If you have any questions, email:

[Nhsggc.Brexit@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:Nhsggc.Brexit@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)

A range of measures are being put in place to minimise any impact on the supply of goods and medicines to the NHS, including:

- Review and reinforcement of existing policies and procedure to manage medicines shortages within Pharmacy Services
- Increase in stocks of commonly used medical supplies (typically provided via the NDC) by national warehouses
- Engagement with suppliers to understand their readiness, including national planning for buffer stocks of medicines by pharmaceutical companies
- Establishment of additional shipping channels to by-pass any disruption at UK ports
- Establishment of a UK support service where critical supply shortages of medical supplies can be referred to for resolution
- NHS Scotland is establishing a co-ordinated approach to supporting Health Boards resolve supply issues.

For medicines, in most clinical areas ward top up is undertaken by the pharmacy team; previously agreed stock levels should be adhered to. If you have any concerns about supplies of medicines please contact PDC Customer Services in the first instance.

For other medical supplies, staff are asked to retain optimum levels. If you are concerned about any critical products you have delivered direct from suppliers that are fast moving or delivered at very short notice please email Procurement Customer Services helpdesk:  
[support@ggcprocurementcustomerservices.zendesk.com](mailto:support@ggcprocurementcustomerservices.zendesk.com)

Wards and departments must not stock pile. We have limited space and excess stocks may impact on health and safety. Unnecessary additional demand impacts on the smooth flow of goods and does not increase overall supply available to the NHS but could in itself cause local shortages in the supply chain.

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