

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue of Core Brief details information on the provision of drinking water.

Provision of drinking water

Guidance is being issued nationally that bottled water coolers should not be used in NHSScotland healthcare premises. This is due to the fact that bacteria in the nozzle is a potential infection risk to vulnerable patients and the use of such coolers is uncontrolled across NHSGGC .

While we considered only removing bottled water coolers from patient areas, a decision was taken to remove all bottled water coolers as there was still a potential risk that patients could be given the water if they are in our premises.

Therefore, NHSGGC has started the process of removing all bottled water coolers across our sites. All staff should have access to an alternative source of drinking water in staff kitchens, however, if you don't have access to any drinking water you should report this to your local facilities team

This guidance has been issued to all Boards in Scotland who have either removed or are in the process of removing all bottled water coolers.

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