

Core brief

Daily COVID-19 update (16 April 2020, 4.50pm)

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A message from our Director of Nursing and Deputy Nurse Director – Acute Services

During these difficult and unprecedented times we recognise that the challenges you face as Nurses, Midwives and Allied Health Professionals have never been more testing.

The COVID-19 pandemic places significant pressure on us all as professionals, often placing you in situations that require significant adjustments from your normal routine procedures in order to care for your patients.

There is no doubt that these increasing challenges are often stressful, and we recognise that you may have concerns about both the professional practicalities and implications of working in such circumstances.

We have therefore developed COVID-19 Pandemic - NMAHP Guiding Principles aimed at providing you with a set of principles to support your decision-making during the pandemic, and most importantly, providing some comfort to you in the knowledge that you have the support and understanding of your professional regulator, namely NMC and HCPC, and us as an organisation.

[Click here to read the guidance.](#)

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Social Distancing Guidelines at Work

As a reminder, here is a summary of the social distancing guidelines that should be followed across NHSGGC.

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Avoid in-person meetings. Use online conference, email or the phone when possible, even when people are in the same building.

2	Unavoidable in-person meetings should be short, in a large meeting room where people can sit at least two metres from each other; avoid shaking hands.
3	Eliminate unnecessary travel and cancel or postpone non-essential meetings, gatherings, and training sessions.
4	Do not congregate in staff rooms, kitchens, around copiers or other areas where people socialise and eat lunch away from others. Keep 2 metres apart where possible.
5	When speaking with colleagues please respect personal space, do not hang over desks and keep 2 metres apart where possible.

End of life care visiting, care of the deceased and bereavement support with COVID-19

The end of life care visiting, care of the deceased and bereavement support with COVID-19 guidance which was issued on Friday (10 April) has now been updated to include all links. [Click here to read the guidance.](#)

Please note that more bereavement bags have been ordered for service.

NHS Louisa Jordan update – 15 April 2020

[Click here](#) to access the latest update on NHS Louisa Jordan.

Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at: www.nhsggc.org.uk/covid19. If you have any questions about the current situation please check the [FAQs](#) first. If you have any further questions, please email: staff.covid19@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

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