

# Core brief

**Daily update**  
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## **Guidance on Social Distancing within the Workplace**

We are pleased to advise that we have now finalised our [guidance document for managers and staff](#) to assist with social distancing within the workplace. It is also accepted that in many of the services that we provide and tasks that are undertaken it is not always possible to maintain a distance from others. However, this document helps to set out a number of key principles to be applied.

The Guidance also includes a [Risk Assessment Template](#) that departments and services should undertake to review what controls are in place or may be required to allow staff, patients and others meet requirements and ensure protection and minimise exposure to infection. Local services are also able to seek support from local health and safety representatives and the Health and Safety team to assist with implementation.

## **COVID-19 - Research update**

New breakthrough results out yesterday showed a steroid, dexamethasone, has proven to be an effective treatment of COVID-19 in patients. This treatment should become the standard of care for hospitalised patients with COVID-19 receiving oxygenation or ventilation.

Clinical and research staff at QEUH, GRI, RAH and IRH have been a part of the UK-wide RECOVERY trial that has made this discovery. Over 230 NHSGGC patients have been part of the trial that has been testing pre-existing medicine such as steroids, antivirals and antimalarial agents.

This is one of several clinical trials NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde is taking part in, as part of our overall multidisciplinary team Research and Development response to COVID-19.

Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at:

[www.nhsggc.org.uk/covid19](http://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](mailto:staff.covid19@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)

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