

Core brief

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Face Masks and Face Coverings

From Monday 29 June, new Scottish Government guidance will be applied across NHSGGC in relation to the wider use of face masks and face coverings in hospitals and care homes in the context of COVID-19.

The guidance supplements and does **not** replace any part of current UK PPE guidance, which is published on the Health Protection Scotland website for health and care workers.

All staff in hospitals and care home who **interact with patients or residents** will be required to wear a medical face mask throughout their shift.

The table below details where staff and visitors should now wear medical facemasks or face coverings across various sites and locations.

Area/Group	Location	Medical Facemask	Face Covering*
Visitors	Adult acute hospital	x	✓
	Attending appointment at adult acute hospital	x	✓
	COVID-19 cohort environment	✓	x
Staff	Clinical area of acute adult (including mental health) site	✓	x
	Community hospital	✓	x
	Community clinics/treatment room	✓	x
	Care home for the elderly	✓	x
	Offices, call centre, shops, canteens**	x	x
	Visiting a clinical area	✓	x
	During mealtimes in restaurants or changing rooms	x	x

* face coverings are those that the Scottish Government has recommended be worn on public transport or in places like shops. [Further information on face coverings can be found here.](#)

** where these staff are ward based then medical facemasks must be worn, if unable to socially distance from others.

Staff should use their professional judgement and undertake a risk assessment in instances where it is necessary to remove the medical face mask for a short period of time, only when it is safe to do so. For example, when the person they are supporting/caring for is showing signs of distress, or to communicate with a person who lip reads. Where medical face masks are not worn, carrying out social distancing is essential. If a mask is removed for any reason, it should be disposed of in the correct waste bin, hand hygiene undertaken and another mask put on.

Compliance with hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette and social distancing will continue to be critical in all settings at all times. This guidance does not replace these measures.

For primary care and care at home, the UK-wide PPE guidance for health and social care and HPS guidance for primary care, remain the relevant guidance. Workers continue to be able to wear appropriate PPE according to their own professional judgement.

[A full copy of the guidance is available here](#) and support is available from local health and safety trade union representatives.

Guidance on Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGPs)

Please find attached link to the most recent NERVTAG Guidance on Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGPs) - https://hpspubsrepo.blob.core.windows.net/hps-website/nss/2893/documents/1_tbp-lr-agp.pdf

Public inquiry into the QEUH and RHC

The Scottish Government has announced today that the public inquiry into the QEUH and RHC will commence on Monday 3 August.

We would like to reiterate that we are fully committed to providing the inquiry with our complete support and cooperation.

While we understand that a public investigation into our hospitals may be unsettling for our employees, we will do all that we can to keep you informed as the inquiry progresses.

We would like to thank our employees for their continued commitment and hard work to delivering exceptional care throughout NHS GGC.

Re-elected Employee Director

Dorothy McErlean has been re-elected as NHS GGC Employee Director for a second term by the Area Joint Trade Unions and Professional Organisations Committee (JOC).

The election process involves nominations being sought from the Area Joint Trade Unions and Professional Organisations Committee, in line with Scottish Government guidance. Dorothy received the most number of votes which sees her in post for further four years.

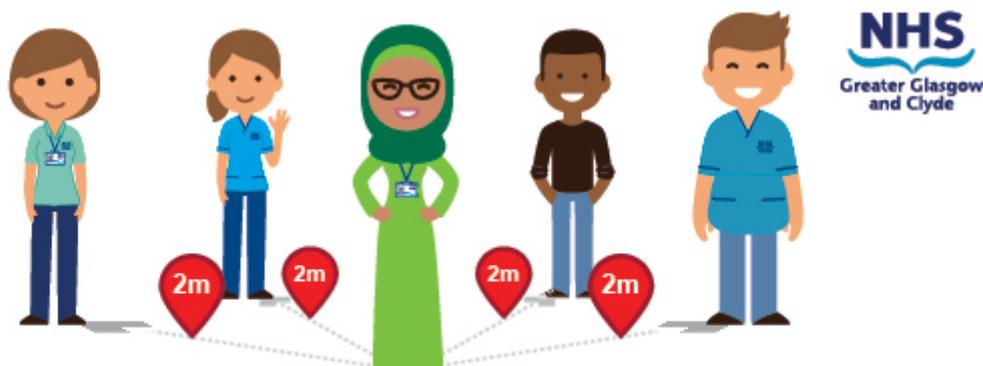


Anne MacPherson, Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development, said: "Following a fair and well run election process I am delighted to advise that Dorothy McErlean has been reappointed as the Board's Employee Director. Dorothy's second term in office will commence on 1 October 2020 and I look forward to working with Dorothy and the Area Partnership Forum to help us deliver our Workforce Strategy and Culture Framework.

Dorothy will continue working in partnership as the co-chair of the APF providing a vital link between NHS GGC and our partnership forums.

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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