

Core brief

Daily update
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PPE update - fluid resistant masks

You will have seen in [Core Brief](#) recently that there is a requirement to immediately cease the use of the Cardinal Type IIR face mask. Staff are reminded that if any such masks remain in your place of work, you should remove from use and store until they can be uplifted by Procurement. Should you require a replacement mask supply, please visit your Clinical PPE Hub or contact Covid-19@ggcprocurementcustomerservices.zendesk.com

Near Me

Since March 2020 thousands of patients have used Near Me across many different services including physiotherapy and GP appointments. Have you used 'Near Me' recently as a patient? If so, we'd like to hear about your experience.

Your views are important to us and will help to shape how we use Near Me in the future to deliver care and complement face-to-face visits and telephone consultations.

The survey should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete and you can access it here: <https://webropol.com/s/NHSGGCNearMe> The closing date is Monday 3 August.

Screening programmes are resuming

NHS Scotland's national screening programmes, which were paused in March because of coronavirus (COVID-19), are set to resume safely, carefully and in a series of stages. Information on the following screening programmes is available on [NHS Inform](#).

- Abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) screening
- Bowel screening
- Breast screening
- Cervical screening
- Diabetic retinopathy screening
- Newborn and pregnancy screening

Breast screening is the next service to resume on 3 August. Letters will be prioritised for those invited for breast screening before the pause who were unable to attend or had their appointment cancelled.

[Click here](#) to read more information on when NHS Scotland's national screening programmes will resume.

PPE for carers

Following Scottish Government guidelines ([April 2020](#)), carers who are providing personal care for COVID-19 positive or suspected positive people are required to use PPE, and therefore entitled to a supply of PPE. Carers who provide personal care for people in shielding categories, or who themselves are shielding are also entitled to PPE.

During the first interaction with the Next of Kin (NoK), ward staff should inform the NoK that they can contact their local Carers Centre who will assess their circumstances and advise them on their eligibility for PPE. If they are eligible, the Carer Centre will liaise with Community Hubs in order to ensure carers have PPE provision prior to discharge. All staff should give the NoK the Carers Information Line number (0141 353 6504) so they can contact their local services.

During hospital admission, acute staff should consult both patient and carer as to the level of care the patient will require post-discharge, including any necessary personal care. If a carer is required to help with personal care, and is willing to do so, staff should establish if the carer has already made contact with local carer services to arrange PPE. If no arrangement has been made, ward staff can refer the carer directly via Carers Information Line (0141 353 6504). Alternatively, details of local carers centres can be found [here](#).

Community Hubs should provide carers with an initial supply of PPE prior to discharge (organised through local Carer Services). Community Hubs should provide ongoing supply of PPE through usual community processes and protocols thereafter until no longer required by the carer.

If a carer is not able to provide required personal care, acute staff should contact local social work teams to arrange alternative services.

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

Staff are reminded to make sure their [personal contact details are up to date on eESS](#).

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