

Core brief

**Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive
(23 October 2020, 3.10pm)**

We are now at the end of the second week of further COVID related restrictions across Greater Glasgow and Clyde and to date we have over 500 people being treated for COVID in our hospitals and many more suffering from the virus in quarantine at home.

I am acutely aware that our staff are once again starting to feel increased pressures of fighting this virus and with over 20 red wards across our region dedicated to treating COVID patients, it is clear that COVID remains a significant challenge.

I would like to be able to say that the pandemic is coming to an end, but given the number of new cases we are seeing, not just in Glasgow, but across the country, we still have some way to go. I realise this is not what anyone wants to hear and I understand the concerns of our staff. I share them. All I can ask is that we all continue to make a concerted effort to support each other and move forward as a team to keep on delivering a high standard of care at such a critical time. I thank you all for your significant efforts to date and for your continued efforts in the weeks ahead.

The staff flu vaccination programme continues at pace and due to exceptional early demand, we have over 9,000 members of staff already vaccinated.

We continue to have a significant amount of our allocated flu vaccine, with 18,000 doses issued to services so far. It is important that we utilise the vaccine we have available first, so the team is currently working through areas that have a significant supply and redistributing it to areas where there is greater demand. We expect further stock to arrive in November, so if you have not received your vaccination yet, opportunities to access it will be available until Christmas.

I would like to thank all of those who have taken on the role of peer vaccinators and our Occupational Health colleagues who are doing a great job administering the vaccine to colleagues across all of our sites. For those of you who are yet to be vaccinated, please visit our [website](#) for more information about how to do so.

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