

# Core brief

**Daily update**  
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**DAILY REMINDER: Social Distancing is Everyone's Responsibility**

**Revisit your Social Distancing risk assessment if changes are required, and as a general reminder of the controls that are in place in your area of work.**

## **Staff COVID-19 testing**

All staff are reminded that they can be seen quickly for a COVID-19 test through our own testing centre at West Glasgow ACH.

Both symptomatic health and social care **staff** (including care home staff, GPs, dentists and community pharmacists) and symptomatic **household** contacts can now arrange to have a test using [the e-referral form](#). Anyone who is **asymptomatic** should **not** apply for a test.

Referral will be by appointment which are available seven days a week.

## **Social distancing in the workplace**

It is essential that all staff adhere to the [social distancing guidance](#) at all times. We want to ensure that you, your colleagues and our patients are safe and protected during this pandemic.

Unfortunately, despite ongoing requests and reminders we are still seeing staff members congregating in public areas, canteens and break areas, within offices and wards and generally across all sites and breaching social distancing requirements.

Whilst the majority of people are following the rules, the impact of those not complying is significant. Businesses and the public are now required by law to follow necessary social distancing measures in order to slow the spread of the virus. As a result we have to advise that where staff members do not adhere to the social distancing requirements or hygiene measures then this may be investigated further.

## **NHSGGC statement on two HIS reports published today**

We welcome today's reports from Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) following their visits to Lightburn Hospital and Glasgow Royal Infirmary.

Jane Grant, Chief Executive, said: “Overall there were a number of positive findings at both hospitals including the health and wellbeing of patients being supported and safeguarded during the COVID-19 pandemic and good management by staff of falls intervention and prevention at Lightburn Hospital.

“Both reports also noted the significant input and support from the infection prevention and control team and the excellent compliance rates by staff for mandatory education and training. However, there were areas highlighted that we are working to improve.

“At Lightburn Hospital we have already taken action to open an additional ward to ensure physical distancing and privacy between patients and reinforced with staff the need to ensure paperwork for malnutrition screening is complete.

“An action plan has been developed at both hospitals to ensure that all other requirements are being addressed as quickly as possible.

“Our highly dedicated staff are committed to quality care and patient safety and we are determined to ensure that our hospitals are as safe as they can be for our patients.”

[Click here to read the report on Lightburn Hospital.](#)

[Click here to read the report on Glasgow Royal Infirmary.](#)

### Child Protection update

The law on all forms of physical punishment of children in Scotland has changed. From 7 November 2020 all physical punishment of children will be against the law in Scotland. Scottish Government has produced a series of posters with more information about this change in the law.

[Click here to download the posters.](#)



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)

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

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