

Core brief

**Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive
(17 November 2020, 4.15pm)**

As you will be aware, the First Minister announced this afternoon that the majority of Greater Glasgow and Clyde has entered [Tier 4 COVID measures](#). This means that further restrictions will be in place in all Local Authority of our areas, with the exception of Inverclyde, for a period of three weeks until Friday 11 December. Inverclyde will remain in Tier 3.

While the announcement will be difficult news for many of us, it is important that we do all we can to abide by the guidelines in place and encourage our loved ones to do the same.

The First Minister was very clear; these restrictions have been put in place to try and slow the spread of the virus, reduce the number of COVID cases in our region and reduce pressure on our health and care services.

These restrictions mean that we are only to use public transport for essential travel, such as travel to work for essential workers, work from home if you are able to do so and not travel outwith your Local Authority area unless essential. As a member of the essential workforce, you may need to travel across Local Authority areas as part of your role and this is permitted under the guidelines. Those on the shielding list will be sent a letter by the Government explaining what the Tier changes means for them. However, you should arrange to speak to your Line Manager to undertake a refreshed risk assessment.

This necessary action, will, I hope help to take current pressure off our services, reduce the number of people impacted by this virus and help to keep more people in our local communities safe. Please continue to support each other and do all you can stick to the guidelines and stay safe.

Once again, thank you all for your outstanding contribution in these difficult times.