

Core brief

Daily update
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DAILY REMINDER: Don't Spread the Virus at Work or Home
Always clean your desk, phone, laptop, and anything else you use regularly every day.

Message from Dr Jennifer Armstrong, Medical Director

We would like to highlight and thank our Foundation doctors this week as they move on to their new posts. Foundation doctors are the bedrock of the medical hierarchy and therefore NHS system, with few specialties who don't have 1st and 2nd year Foundation Trainees.

During the COVID-19 response many of our Foundation doctors were redeployed to support the front door in medicine and emergency medicine. In the second wave, again this group of doctors have stepped up to support the response and we are immensely grateful to them for doing so.

We wish them well in their new posts and thank them most sincerely for their commitment to NHSGGC not just during the pandemic but during normal times, which we hope to return to soon.

Universal Credit

Each year payroll receive calls raised by concerned employees regarding the early pay days in December and January affecting Universal Credits.

This is because HMRC assume that the employees are receiving two pays in one assessment period, which will affect their payments.

Regardless of the early payment dates, NHSGGC follow HMRC guidance by reporting the original pay-dates as follows:

- 31/12/2020 and 28/01/2021

This stops any detrimental effects on the employee benefits.

Stop the Pressure Worldwide Awareness Event

November saw a worldwide awareness day to highlight the importance of reducing the incidence of pressure ulcers.

Each year, clinicians organise a range of activities to raise the profile of pressure ulcer prevention and engage colleagues in this event. This year, NHSGGC's Heather Hodgson, Lead Nurse for Tissue Viability, was invited to represent Scotland in a UK wide event organised by TVN2gether.

On 19 November, alongside colleagues from the four nations, Heather presented on challenges facing clinicians when trying to prevent pressure damage and provided practical solutions. The audience were then given the opportunity to ask the presenters questions.

Over 9000 people from all over the world have now viewed this event which is still available on Facebook, Stop the Pressure 2020 LIVE with TVN2gether.

Further information on pressure ulcer prevention can be accessed via the Tissue Viability website or by contacting the Tissue Viability Office on 0141 314 4253.

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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