

# 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.**

## **Scottish Health Awards – Congratulations to all Community Pharmacies**

Community Pharmacy teams across Scotland were given the Top Team Award at the Scottish Health Awards 2020 for providing access to healthcare throughout lockdown by keeping pharmacies open. That includes the 290 community pharmacies in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.



Our community pharmacies have been utterly amazing in what they have delivered in supporting patients and being the first port of call for medicines and general health advice, which has been especially important during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Community Pharmacies faced increased demand for medicines and gave vital support and reassurance to a frightened public, helping to reduce the pressure on the rest of the health care system.

They delivered, and continue to, provide face-to-face consultations for patients and were often the most easily accessible healthcare provider for the public at a time when reassurance and guidance was needed more than ever.

Our Community Pharmacies have been at the very heart of delivering a continuous service, providing continuity of care to the individuals and communities they serve and they have also developed new services, using technologies such as offering video consultations to patients.

They have also been a part of implementing NHS Pharmacy First Scotland, which encourages patients to visit their community pharmacy as the first port of call for all minor illnesses and common clinical conditions.

Alan Harrison, Lead Pharmacist Community Care, said: "It is fantastic that our pharmacies and all those across Scotland have been recognised for the hard work and dedication they provide not just during the COVID pandemic but all year round.

"Our pharmacies stepped up to provide an excellence service, to an increased number of people and symptoms, and provided reassurance and support at a time when people found themselves in a different world."

### **Procedure for cleaning screens/partitions**

Screens and partitions require to be cleaned as part of the routine daily clean and also if they become contaminated should someone accidentally cough or spit on the screen while talking.

#### **Routine cleaning:**

##### PPE:

All staff will be wearing a FRSM while in the clinical area.

Disposable apron and single pair of disposable gloves.

##### Cleaning product / materials:

Detergent wipes/Disinfectant wipes.

##### Method:

Don apron and gloves and use detergent wipes to wipe over screen surface. Dry surface with disposable cloth or allow to air dry. Discard cleaning materials into domestic waste bin. Discard apron and gloves into clinical waste bin and perform hand hygiene.

(This method can be used as part of a departmental clean)

#### **Clean following exposure to body fluids:**

##### PPE

Disposable apron, gloves, FRSM and risk assessment for eye goggles/visor.

##### Cleaning products /materials

Chlorine based detergent (1,000 ppm solution reconstituted as per manufacturer's instructions) and disposable cloth or Clinell Universal wipes.

##### Method:

Don PPE and use cleaning product as above to wipe over screen/partition surface. If a chlorine product is used, rinse the surface with a disposable cloth dampened in clean water. Dry the surface with disposable cloth or allow to air dry. Discard cleaning materials into the clinical waste bin along with PPE and perform hand hygiene.

### **Health & Safety Training**

Congratulations to all areas that have achieved 100% compliance in falls, sharps and / or Moving and Handling. Overall compliance is now at more than 85% in all three topic areas, well done to all for the significant progress made. Clearly, all areas are required to meet the 100% compliance target and it is important that when this is achieved it is maintained.

### **Digital Winter Live Arts Events Programme**

The Your Hospital Live Arts Performance Programme enjoyed by many patients, visitors and staff at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital has gone digital.

We are really pleased to be able to offer the Live Arts Winter Programme in a digital format to all NHSGGC staff, patients, friends and families over the festive.

This programme is supported by NHSGGC Endowments and Scottish Cultural Partners who have themselves had a tough year.

Next Year we will stay digital producing a bi monthly live arts programme until we can combine the digital programme with real performances.

## Social distancing is everyone's responsibility

Stick to the allowed occupancy when using lifts -  
check the information displayed beside the lift.



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)

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