

Core brief

Daily update

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Daily Reminder: COVID-19 Social Distancing and Workplace Assessment Audit

Have you taken part in the Social Distancing and Workplace Assessment Audit yet? Please help us to provide assurance to our workforce, service users and members of the public that we are continuously striving to ensure a safe and healthy workplace for all during the COVID-19 pandemic and fill in the audit.

You can access the Audit tool here: [Social Distancing and Workplace Assessment Audit](#).

For further information, access the [Audit Guidance document](#).

COVID Vaccinations – Sharing of booking link

Our COVID vaccination programme is moving swiftly, with our teams working hard to vaccinate as many staff as quickly and safely as possible. In order for us to do this effectively, we need to ensure that priority groups have the opportunity to receive the vaccine first.

There is a plan in place to reach everyone who is eligible for the vaccine as soon as possible, but due to access to vaccine supply, we must do this in a carefully managed way. This is why the link to the vaccination appointments booking system is only shared with staff when they become eligible. Some staff have been sharing this link via email and social media and they are reminded not to do so under any circumstances as it is for your individual use. We understand that staff are keen to receive the vaccination as quickly as possible, but by sharing the link, you are potentially causing a delay to other colleagues in priority groups receiving their vaccination.

It is vitally important for the health and wellbeing of our workforce that our vaccination programme continues to operate at pace, therefore, if staff members are found to be sharing the link they may be subject to a formal investigation. Likewise, managers are asked to ensure that if they are providing the link to staff so they can book their own appointment that they make them aware this is for their personal use only.

Lateral Flow Testing

The roll out for Lateral Flow Testing has been concluded in Acute and Mental Health areas with the next phase of distribution supporting our community based staff.

Now that testing kits have been issued, staff should keep in mind the following key points:

- Registration and Reporting - while lateral flow testing is a voluntary initiative it is important that when you receive a test kit you must register the kit and submit test results on a regular basis. Your kit can be registered via the following link [here](#)
- Vaccination - for staff who have received a COVID vaccination, regular lateral flow tests should still continue to be undertaken and results submitted.

A reminder of resources to support you with your device testing kit is available on the NHSGGC website <https://www.nhsggc.org.uk/your-health/health-issues/covid-19-coronavirus/for-nhsggc-staff/lateral-flow-device-testing-guidance/>. These include guidance documents and video designed to ensure that staff know how to:

- register their testing kit
- conduct their test
- report their test result and,
- access a confirmatory PCR test if their LFD test is positive (as per current local Board processes).

Infection Protection and Control Quality Improvement (IPCQI) Network

Healthcare associated infection is estimated to affect 5% of all patients who receive care. NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's ambition is to strive for excellence in the prevention of avoidable infections.

An Infection Protection and Control Quality Improvement (IPCQI) Network is being established to review new and emerging evidence to prevent avoidable infections in patients. We hope to integrate some of the existing Infection prevention and control groups into this network.

The ambition of this Network is to foster networking relationships and provide significant safety for our patients and value for our stakeholders in alignment with the key delivery aspects of the NHSGGC Healthcare Quality Strategy.

The Network will shape the future, whilst building on the experiences, learning and positive outcomes to date. Using quality improvement and quality management methodologies within our Infection Prevention and Control systems throughout NHSGGC we will champion the utilisation of innovative solutions for information gathering and creating or streamlining processes.

The network will be governed by a Strategic Steering Group and an Operational Group will facilitate oversight and assure key stakeholder engagement in development of the Network business and its recommendations throughout the lifecycle of the Network.

Anyone who wishes to be actively involved, contact Hazel.devlin@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

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Glasgow and Clyde Weight Management Services – Open for Referrals

As we find ourselves in winter with restrictions in place, losing weight may feel even more challenging than normal. The Glasgow and Clyde Weight Management Service (GCWMS) is here to help.

What is provided?

Patients referred to GCWMS are triaged to either the Community or Specialist Weight Management Service depending on their BMI and co-morbidities.

Currently the Community Weight Management Service offer a free 16 week digital membership to WW (the new Weightwatchers) providing access to a timetable of virtual workshops delivered by WW coaches and a range of tools and support through the WW smartphone app.

The Specialist Weight Management Service programme is delivered primarily as a group intervention which has been paused due to COVID 19 restrictions. The structure and content of the group programme has been refreshed and will be available via Microsoft Teams for group delivery in the coming weeks. In the meantime, patients triaged to the Specialist Service are provided with the board's [self-management resource](#) and signposted to online resources to support emotional wellbeing and physical activity.

Who can be referred?

GCWMS supports patients who are overweight and with a range of pre-existing conditions. Full referral criteria and guidance can be found [here](#). For more information on the services and instructions on how to refer, visit: www.nhs.uk/weightmanagement

Patients who are keen to lose weight but don't meet the service criteria can be provided with our self-management resource and signposted to [NHS Inform's online weight management programme](#). If they're interested in getting more active, they could be referred to the board's physical activity referral scheme, Live Active. Find out more about this service [here](#).

If you have any questions, email: WeightManagement.HealthRecords@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

Email correction

The email address issued on Thursday 7 January about how to raise concerns regarding the functioning of ventilation or air conditioning within your work area was incorrect. If you would like to raise any concerns with regards to ventilation or air conditioning, please email: Corporate.ComplianceTeam@ggc.scot.nhs.uk



Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at: www.nhs.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

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

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