

Core brief

**Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive
(19 February 2021, 1.10pm)**

I would like to begin by making you all aware of a couple of external visits that have taken place at our facilities recently

There was a visit from Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) to the Vale of Leven Hospital this week. This was an unannounced inspection and I would like to thank all staff involved for accommodating this and showing our HIS colleagues some of the great work that is being undertaken and our adherence to COVID-19 guidance.

We will receive an official report in the coming weeks, but in the meantime, thank you to the teams at the Vale for your hard work. Your efforts are hugely appreciated.

We have also been visited by the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland. The Commission inspected the mental health and rehabilitation wards at the Leverndale Hospital, taking the opportunity to speak to our staff and patients about delivering and receiving care during the pandemic. The Commission has praised the efforts of our teams and I would like to add my voice to this commendation. Working with patients who have complex mental health issues is challenging. Doing so during a pandemic makes it more so. To the teams at the Leverndale; thank you all for your commitment to your patients and your service. I am extremely proud of you all.

I am also very pleased to report that from next week, we will be commencing the programme to administer the second dose of COVID vaccinations for our staff. I want to reassure you that you will receive the same vaccine for the first and second dose and I want to thank you all for rolling up your sleeves once again.

As ever, I want to express my gratitude to all of our staff. You are all doing a fantastic job and I thank you all for your continued service.

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