

Core brief

Daily update
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New Staff – COVID vaccination

As the community vaccination programme nears completion we are no longer running separate staff clinics but will be inviting staff to the community clinics.

Everyone over 40 should have received an appointment directly with those over 30 being invited from 31 May.

If you are in these age groups and have not received an appointment you should call the national help line on 0800 030 8013.

A monthly list will be run directly from eESS of all new starts and this will be passed to the vaccination team to ensure that appointments have been offered.

The only staff who will not be captured by this are students – whose details should continue to be sent to staff.covid19@ggc.scot.nhs.uk for the moment.

Separate arrangements are in place for Bank and agency staff and with HCSP for social care, third sector and independent sector staff.

Opening of the new Greenock Health and Care Centre

The new state of the art Greenock Health and Care Centre opened to patients today (Monday 17 May).

The new facility hosts a wide range of services including general practices, podiatry, physiotherapy, dental, speech and language therapy, mental health, sexual health, pharmacy as well as district nursing and home care staff.

The inner courtyard of the three-storey building is home to a memorial plaque for Janice Graham, an Inverclyde Health and Social Care Partnership district nursing staff member who sadly died of COVID-19 last year.



Jane Grant, Chief Executive, said: “We are pleased to open the doors of the new Greenock Health and Care Centre to patients on Monday. Investing in the community of Greenock and Inverclyde is a priority for us, and we are pleased to offer a brilliantly designed, modern space for patients and staff alike.

“This £22.3 million building is a significant investment in Greenock and is part of our overall programme to build modern facilities for our communities across Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

“But this is more than just a building – we hope the Greenock Health and Care Centre will be used by the community, with its lovely spaces and café too.

“We are proud to have created a memorial to honour Janice Graham, one of our district nursing staff, who sadly died of COVID-19 last year. People can pay their respects in the inner courtyard of the building.”

Saturday GP Out of Hours service reinstated at Inverclyde Royal Hospital

From 8am until 2pm on Saturday’s, a GP and Advanced Nurse Practitioner will be available for face-to-face appointments at the IRH for patients unable to wait to see their regular GP during the week (Mon-Fri).

The appointment only service can be accessed by calling NHS24 on 111. Call handlers will triage patients to ensure they receive the most appropriate care and are able to take advantage of telephone and video consultations alongside the face-to-face service.

The reintroduction of the Saturday service will complement the existing GP home visiting service which remains in operation throughout evenings, weekends and overnight.

Susan Manion, Interim Chief Officer for GP Out of Hours Services, said: “We are pleased to be able to reinstate a Saturday GP Out of Hours offering for the Inverclyde community. This creates more options for urgent care – whether that is over the phone, virtually, or, through a scheduled appointment at an urgent care centre. All of these, combined, provide an efficient service, with less waiting time for patients, and more immediate access to the right type of care.

“I would like to thank local GPs who have worked with us to take this step in providing face-to-face as well as virtual consultations locally for IRH patients who urgently need to see a GP when their surgery is closed.”

GRI staff have been busy bees

Staff have been busy bees, looking after a hive of the honey producing insects outside the wards of the GRI. The bee hive was put in place in March by the Friends of Glasgow Royal Infirmary, a charity which celebrates the history of the 227-year-old hospital.

Consultant Dr Hilary Wilson (pictured alongside John Stuart who recently retired as Chief Nurse), said that it was a way to give something back to nature, after a lot of single-use plastic was consumed during the pandemic. She adds: “It’s a way for us to help pay back for all of the plastic PPE and other vital equipment used in the pandemic.



“What’s more, it is a boost for the staff and patients to know that there are bees thriving in hives not far from the wards.

“We also want to get the hospital engaged in nature by helping to preserve these insects. The bees have been in decline and it is vital to nurture them, because the world would not function without them pollinating plants.”

The bees are already hard at work and travel as far as three miles to collect pollen to turn into the golden nectar everyone is looking forward to. The team are hoping for a good crop of the sweet stuff later this year and it will be aptly named, Glasgow Royal honey.

To round off Green Health Week

In 2013, the Green Exercise Partnership of NHS Scotland, Forestry Scotland and Nature Scot selected the Gartnavel Campus as one of four demonstration sites for development across the green estate of the NHS in Scotland.



Underutilised land was transformed to make the most of natural viewpoints with seating ideally located for an outdoor lunch and a network of paths now offers tranquil spaces which take walkers to wildflower beds, hedgerows and fruit trees.

The original Summerhouse and Walled Garden were refurbished to create an infrastructure. This now supports a range of activities which support mental health and wellbeing for patients, staff and neighbours alike.

Ground level beds for growing were installed and have become the Adopt A Bed scheme for patients, staff and volunteers.

Known as The Growing Spaces, this shared infrastructure across the Gartnavel site is overseen and maintained through a collaborative approach involving NHS site based services, Art in the Gart acute mental health voluntary services, the Third Sector and most importantly the time and effort of Garden Volunteers.

Lateral Flow Tests - Available to all staff working on site

Speak to your line manager about where to collect your test kit, then:

		
Register your kit	Test twice per week	Record your results

Keep your colleagues and patients safe from COVID-19

Help stop the spread!

Visit: www.nhsggc.org.uk/lfd-stafftesting

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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