

# Core brief

**Daily update**  
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## **Life on the Frontline – Jac Ross**

In today's Life on the Frontline video we meet [Jac Ross](#) who leads the Equality and Human Rights Team.

Jac explains how the focus of her team has been ensuring that our COVID response included those who may be differentially affected or who required additional support to access information, support or services. An example of this is their work to target and support our Black and Minority Ethnic Communities. Early in the pandemic it became apparent that the BME communities were disproportionately affected by COVID, so the team made it a key area of focus

We hope that you are enjoying these personal accounts of life on the frontline, if you want to watch all of our videos on how our staff are adapting during the pandemic [click here](#). If you would like to feature in one of the videos and tell us about how you and colleagues have been affected, then please get in touch: [staffnewsletter@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:staffnewsletter@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)



## **Updates to Care Homes and Community Health & Care COVID-19 & Acute setting Addendum**

ARHAI Scotland has updated (08/07/2021) the addenda, all of which can be found on the NIPCM webpage [National Infection Prevention and Control Manual: Home \(scot.nhs.uk\)](https://www.scot.nhs.uk/nipcm/) and links below.

The key updates in the Addendum are as follows:

## **Care Homes & Community Health & Care settings**

Updated to reflect key change in controls for decontamination of care equipment and environment from TBPs to SICPs within the Medium Risk category.

## **Care Homes and Acute setting COVID-19 Addendum**

Updated advice and guidance on requirements for self-isolation and testing following discharge from hospital to care homes (for COVID recovered and non COVID). This is to reflect recent change in the guidance from PHS COVID-19 Information & Guidance for Care Home Settings (Adults & Older People) published 24/06/2021.

[National Infection Prevention and Control Manual: Scottish COVID-19 Care Home Infection Prevention and Control Addendum](#)

[National Infection Prevention and Control Manual: Scottish COVID-19 Community Health and Care Settings Infection Prevention and Control Addendum](#)

[National Infection Prevention and Control Manual: Scottish COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Addendum for Acute Settings](#)

## **Working and Retirement Options under the NHS Pension 1995 Scheme**

You may be a member of the NHS Superannuation Scheme approaching a point in your career where you are unsure of the financial options available to you regarding the continuation of work or making a decision to retire.

You can receive personal information relating to your particular pension scheme decisions, by contacting the NHS Staff Benefits Team using the confidential enquiry form here: [Contact NHS Staff Benefits](#).

The contact form will ask you some questions about your working life in NHSGGC to date. This is to help the NHS Staff Benefits Team respond to your query with appropriate information. Follow up contact will be made to you by telephone from the NHS Staff Benefits Team. NHS Staff Benefits are an independent organisation that supports NHS staff in Scotland with information on a broad range of services including financial information. <https://www.nhsstaffbenefits.co.uk/>

For information on working and retirement options under the NHS pension 1995 scheme, visit: <https://www.nhsggc.org.uk/working-with-us/hr-connect/pay-conditions/working-and-retirement-options-under-the-nhs-pension-1995-scheme/>

A further option that may be available to you is to retire and return back to work. Guidance on this option can be found on HR Connect, visit: <https://www.nhsggc.org.uk/working-with-us/hr-connect/policies-and-staff-governance/policies/retirement/voluntary-retirement-and-re-employment/>

NHSGGC also have two online courses available to all staff considering retirement in the next three years. To find out more about the course overview, learning outcomes and dates of sessions for both please use the links below:

### **Planning a Positive Retirement**

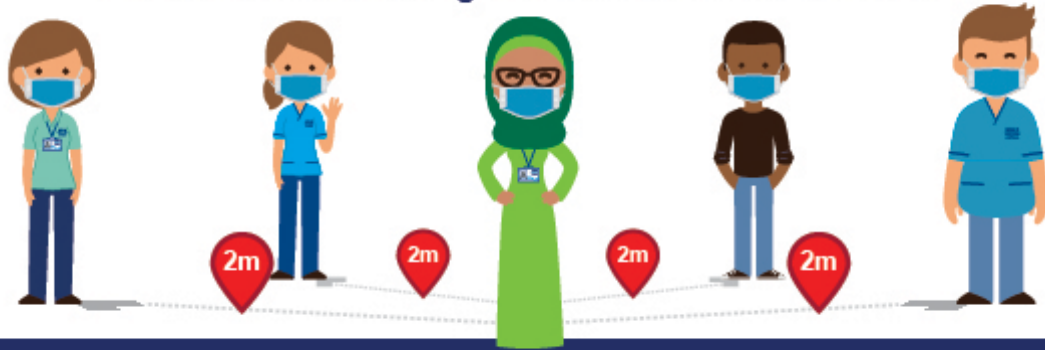
Click [here](#) for information on the Planning a Positive Retirement sessions

### **Pre-retirement Financial Awareness**

Click [here](#) for information on the Pre-retirement Financial Awareness sessions

# Social distancing is everyone's responsibility

Remember 2m distancing includes breaks and lunchtimes



Do it, encourage it. Don't spread the virus at work or home

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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