

# Core brief

## Daily update

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### Visiting update: Test and Protect Visitor contact details

Currently ward staff are required to manually collect contact details from every visitor, to support Test and Protect.

The Strategic Executive Group agreed at their meeting today that there is a reduction in need to collect this information, due to:

- Increase in vaccination uptake, and decrease in COVID-19 infection levels
- Increasing sophistication of Test and Protect contact tracing
- Carefully managed ward environments, in particular adherence to 2 metres physical distancing in inpatient wards.

From Monday 9 August, this means it is **no longer necessary** to collect visitor contact details for Test and Protect in most circumstances.

There may be some circumstances or environments where the outcomes of local risk assessments or as part of an outbreak management process collecting this information may be appropriate, however this will be by exception.

Guidance is being updated, and will be available online as soon as possible.

### Social Distancing update

Further to yesterday's update we would like to emphasise that 2m social distancing measures remain in place across NHSGGC.

We appreciate that this is different to the guidance for most other areas out with your workplace. The reason for this is that the recent announcements do not include health and social care and therefore we will continue to follow guidance and ensure the application of distancing measures to ensure the safety of staff, patients, visitors and any other users of our facilities. Given COVID 19 is still within our population we will be taking a cautious approach to reducing distancing and will do so in line with national guidance for healthcare settings

Ensuring Health and Safety across the Board is paramount and we will continue to monitor guidance and react accordingly. We have an established governance structure for social distancing with a Social Distancing Operational Group that meets regularly to review and assess guidance and subsequent application. This ensures that we can react to changes and make staff aware of these in a timely manner.

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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