

Core brief

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Act now and get ready for COP26

On Saturday, some of the road closures associated with COP26 will be in place and travel in and around Glasgow will be more difficult. With more than 25,000 people expected to attend the UN Climate Conference between 31 October and 12 November, there will be a high level of disruption before, during and after the event.

There will be significant disruption. You must act now to plan ahead. Watch this video that details some of the expected impact of COP26 and how you can plan ahead: [\(77\) NHSGGC Staff - UN Climate Change Conference \(COP26\) Travel Information - YouTube](#)

Staff Checklist

There is a lot of information available but this quick checklist can help you get prepared and plan for success:

1. Have you checked www.getreadyglasgow.com for the latest travel and transport impacts?
2. If you can't work from home, have you planned your journey to and from work?
3. If you anticipate issues, have you discussed these with your manager?
4. Do you have the correct contact numbers for your manager/team lead?
5. Have you got your staff ID? This should be carried with you at all times to allow access to our facilities
6. Have you checked for any updates to the staff FAQs? A number of questions which services and staff may have in relation to NHSGGC operations and how they might be impacted by COP26 have been produced. These are available at: [NHSGGC: COP26 Climate Conference](#).

You can keep up to date on all COP26 arrangements by visiting: www.getreadyglasgow.com

iMatter 2021 – Thank you!

The iMatter survey period for 2021 has now concluded, thank you very much to everyone who took the time to participate and share views. Over 23,000 employees participated in iMatter 2021, this is great response and the iMatter Board report is now available on [HR Connect](#) for your review.

As we are now in the action planning phase of iMatter, the Board report is being



reviewed centrally at present to analyse all feedback provided, and identify areas of strength, as well as opportunities for continuous improvement. A Board-wide analysis, summary and next steps from the report will be developed and shared in coming weeks.

We would encourage teams to share and review the local reports available, and work together to develop action plans for the year ahead. We will also continue to engage across Directorates and HSCPs to support and encourage action planning.

To find out more about accessing the system, the resources and guides available to support you, and the timescales for the action planning period, please visit [HR Connect](#). Please contact us via the [iMatter mailbox](#), if you have any questions or would like any further support.

Thank you again for taking part and helping to build a Better Workplace – your voice really does matter!

LGBTQ+ and Allies social event

Date: **Thursday 28th of October**

Time: **7-9pm**

Venue: **GRI lecture theatre.**

This is in place of our next meeting as we feel now more than ever it is important to get together for a lovely chat and a cuppa (social distanced).

We would be over the moon if you would join us

For directions, please contact lgbtstaff.forum@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

'On the mend' - meet the apprentice maintaining healthy hospital equipment

We all know that staff in hospitals rely on a vast array of equipment to do their jobs, but who makes sure it's all up to scratch and running smoothly?

Step forward the unsung heroes who make up the NHS Medical Physics Teams. In NHSGGC, the team manages over 50,000 individual items, worth around £200 million. From thermometers to ventilators, it's our Medical Physics Teams that help us keep the 'show on the road', and today celebrates them with 'Global Clinical Engineering Day'.



A team of 110 highly trained technologists work together to ensure the equipment is accurate, safe to use and reliable. Technologists not only look after equipment in hospitals but also in health centres and in patient's homes. This includes the renal home dialysis service plus the adult and paediatric home ventilation services.

Modern Apprentice Annie Kiloh works at the QEUH and is in the third year of her apprenticeship, said: "I love working at the Queen Elizabeth and see myself being here a long time. Our days are so varied and I'm learning new things all the time. In my lab there are three fully trained clinical engineers, so I'm always out with one of them learning how to fix a new piece of kit.

"I suppose we do work away in the background, but I get a lot of satisfaction from my job, knowing we are a vital part of the hospital team. Happy Global Clinical Engineering Day to all my colleagues!"

Social distancing is everyone's responsibility

Don't encroach on your colleagues' desk area,
maintain social distancing when talking



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. If you have any questions about the current situation please check the FAQs first. If you have any further questions, please email: HR.Support@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.

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

It is important to share Core Brief with colleagues who do not have access to a computer.
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