

Core brief

Daily update
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Act now and get ready for COP26

While we are less than one week out from the start of COP26, some of the main road closures, including the closure of the Clydeside Expressway and Clyde Arc are now in place. Anyone travelling in and around Glasgow must now plan ahead to ensure reaching their destination in time. Some delegates and those planning to protest are arriving now and 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](#)

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](#).

Remember to carry your staff ID with you at all times to access your own facility and any others you have to attend.

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

For a useful round-up on COP disruptions on the BBC website, visit: [COP26: How are road closures affecting Glasgow? - BBC News](#)

Physical Distancing Risk Assessment

To All Managers: Please ensure your local risk assessments have now been reviewed utilising the updated risk assessment document available [here](#).

Sample [risk assessments](#) and a [risk assessment support document](#) have been created to assist this work and it is encouraged that these sample assessments are used as a guide for similar departments to assist with their assessment.

Risk Assessments should be undertaken by competent assessors such as the Health and Safety Manual owners in conjunction with appropriate staff and representatives and due consideration should be given to potential additional future team members.

Once completed, the risk assessments should form part of your local Health and Safety Management Manual.

Local services are also able to seek support from local health and safety representatives and the Health and Safety team to assist with implementation.

Please stay safe.

Glasgow doctor is green machine

A dedicated doctor is set to cycle over 800km to raise awareness around the impact of air pollution on health, ahead of COP26.

Dr Ewan Wallace, Consultant in Paediatric Anaesthesia and Chronic Pain, at the RHC, will join fellow health care professionals for the Ride for their Lives challenge, which began at Greater Ormond Street Hospital in London yesterday (Sunday 24 October).

Cyclists will arrive at Gartnavel General Hospital on Sunday 31 October. While some participants are completing stages of the challenge, which will stop at Bristol, Sheffield and Newcastle, Ewan is completing the entire ride.






Ewan said: "I've always been an advocate for becoming greener and more sustainable, so this was a natural fit. I set up the Green Theatre Project at the RHC, which looks at how we can reduce the environmental impact of theatres, by trying to cut down on waste and tackle reducing the use of anaesthetic gases that have high levels of greenhouse gas effects."

"I decided to take part as we have a unique opportunity to use the platform of COP26 to highlight the impact that air pollution has on our health and the health of our children. This is our chance to be a voice for younger generations and our patients."

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 Register your kit	 Test twice per week	 Record your results
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Staff are reminded to make sure their [personal contact details are up to date on eESS](#).

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