

Core brief

**Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive
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This week has seen further external debate concerning the QEUH and RHC, with questions being raised in Parliament and the media about the safety of our hospital and NHSGGC's commitment to patient treatment and care. I have no doubt that for many of our staff, these continued efforts to attempt to undermine the safety of our hospitals and the work that collectively, we do, is unsettling and upsetting.

I am sorry about the impact this may be having on our staff and I want to reaffirm my personal commitment to you that we are doing all we can to bring balance and fairness to the debate, as well as being absolutely clear that our highly skilled and hardworking staff deliver quality, patient centred care to all. During the debate in the Scottish Parliament yesterday, the First Minister was clear; the QEUH/RHC is safe; NHSGGC is fully committed to our patients; our staff are fully committed and working exceptionally hard, despite hugely challenging circumstances.

I also want to acknowledge the work of all of our staff, working across all areas of NHSGGC, as I recognise the wider impact this has had on colleagues who work elsewhere but who too are being affected by these issues. Ultimately, we are one NHSGGC team, whether we work at the QEUH and RHC, one of our other acute sites, community settings or corporate departments.

I was really heartened this week to see the progress being made on the One NHS Family exhibition, which will be showcased at the GRI next year. So many people have come forward including Soju and Sija Thampi and Victoria McCaig who are pictured. This is a great initiative, which shows the true nature of our organisation, the vast array of jobs and professions, but each with one thing in common; pride in and commitment to your role, your patients and their loved ones, which is, and always will be, at the heart of everything we do.

Thank you to everyone who has already come forward to be part of this wonderful project. I am very much looking forward to seeing the finished result.



Soju and Sija Thampi



Victoria McCaig

As we continue to move forward into winter, much work continues to prepare our services and support our teams in readiness for, what is, a particularly challenging time of year. I have absolute confidence in those who are undertaking a significant programme of work, including the recruitment of additional staff, to further ready us for the coming months. However, we can all play our part, and following the changes to the JCVI guidelines earlier this week, those who are eligible for a COVID-19 booster vaccination, are now able to receive it three months after their second dose. I would like to encourage all staff who are eligible to receive their booster, to please make every effort to do so.

Finally, I would like to congratulate two teams for recent awards success. The Princess Royal Maternity team had success at the Quality Improvement Awards. The team, beat off some stiff competition to take home the award for 'Excellence in using QI in Maternity, Neonatal and Paediatric Services' for their Pre-term Bundle project. Well done to you all for your very well deserved win. Also, Glasgow HSCP's Health Improvement Quit Your Way (QYW) team have been triumphant at this year's Glasgow Times Community Champions Awards, where they won the award for 'Citywide Uniformed Services' for their hard work supporting local people to quit smoking and improve their health throughout the pandemic. Congratulations to both teams and thank you for your continued efforts.

Thank you

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