

Core brief

Daily update
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Staff COVID-19 testing - West Glasgow

The staff COVID-19 testing service at West Glasgow ACH has now closed. Staff and their families can continue to book PCR tests via [NHS Inform](#).

Important security notice

It is vital that we all play our part in making our facilities as safe as possible for our patients and for ourselves.

Staff should at all times remain vigilant for anyone or anything that looks out of place or suspicious in the workplace.

However, do you know what to look out for and what to do if you are concerned about any mail item or suspicious package? Information on what action to take and how to report it is available [here](#). All staff are encouraged to familiarise yourself with the [guidance](#) and associated policy, which will provide all the information you need, should you be first contact.

Remember, be alert to any suspicious behaviour or unattended packages or bags and report any such concerns to security staff, reception staff, your line manager or all three if required.

Staff are again reminded of the importance of having and wearing their photo ID badges at all times and please watch out for tailgating into staff only or restricted areas on site.

It is the responsibility of us all to take security very seriously. There is also a lot of good information on the 'Security & Threat' LearnPro module which is one of the Statutory Mandatory training modules that all staff need to complete.

The Infection Prevention and Control Quality Improvement Network (IPCQIN) newsletter – second issue

[Click here](#) for our second issue of the IPCQIN Staff Newsletter for an update on the network's progress to date.

One of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's ambitions is to strive for excellence in the reduction of preventable infections. The NHSGGC Pursuit of Healthcare Excellence Quality Strategy (2019/2023) framework outlines how we intend to continuously improve the quality of care to our patients, carers and communities over the next five years. Infection Prevention and Control is one of the three key strategic priorities within the Quality Strategy and as such the IPCQIN has been designed to provide a clear structure, methodology and expertise to all aspects of Quality Improvement in relation to supporting the reduction of preventable infections.

Our Vision: As an Improvement Network we influence and support our staff, patients and carers to continuously improve person centred infection prevention and control practices ensuring a safe and effective care experience

The aim of the IPCQIN is to contribute to the delivery of the NHSGGC Healthcare Quality Strategy by focusing on the following key aspects:

- Improve both patient safety and their care experience in line with key local delivery plan targets
- Strengthen the role of the Infection Prevention and Control Team in patient facing areas in the context of supported improvement to achieve agreed outcome
- Utilise and build on organisational quality improvement capacity and capability expertise at all levels within the organisation
- Teams and staff will lead on the improvement continuum of prevention of avoidable infections to embed sustained improvement
- Align with the other key priority areas of Tissue Viability and Person Centred Care.

Angela O'Neill, Interim Board Nurse Director for Acute Services and Chair of the IPCQIN, said: "The IPCQIN is gaining real momentum and enthusiasm from staff, of all disciplines, across the Board and I am delighted that we are able to work in such a collaborative way as we continuously seek to improve and provide the very best experience for our patients. I hope you find our first newsletter informative and any feedback is gratefully received."

The Milk of Human Kindness – helping premature babies throughout the country

The Donor Milk Bank Service, which became Scotland-wide in 2013, has gone from strength to strength, and last year fed over 1,100 babies with breast milk. Such is the demand, they need more donors to keep up, so we have been working with the local media to highlight the service and help boost volunteer numbers and donations.

The service is quite a simple one. Mums who are able to feed their own baby and have more milk than they need or have stored milk, donate it to the Milk Bank where it is processed, before being sent out to neonatal units all over Scotland.

Debbie Barnett (pictured), Donor Milk Bank Co-ordinator was recently awarded an MBE for her services to Milk Bank Scotland and Infant Feeding.

She said: "The benefits of breast milk are well documented and we are learning more and more about the health benefits it provides – right into adulthood. There's a greater understanding of the implications for long-term health in general. It's about the effect on the gut, especially in the early days and weeks – there is a whole science behind it.

"Donor milk is meant to be primarily a stopgap, a temporary measure while a woman establishes her own supply. Many of our donors started off as recipients. That early support is vital in establishing breastfeeding.

"We would love to hear from more women, who are interested in getting involved. We are a great team - **please give us a call on 0779 094 0194 if you could become a donor.**"



Lateral Flow Tests - Available to all staff

Speak to your line manager about where to collect your test kit, then:



Register
your kit



Test
daily



Record
your results

Keep your colleagues and patients safe from COVID-19

Help stop the spread!

Visit: www.nhsggc.org.uk/lfid-stafftesting

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.

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