

Core brief

Daily update
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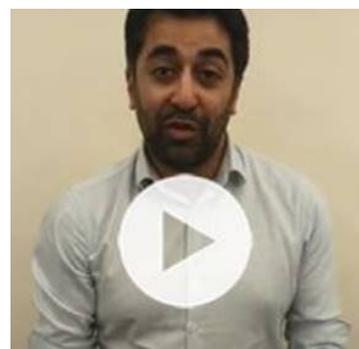
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Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care visits the RAH

Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Humza Yousaf MSP, visited the Royal Alexandra Hospital on Friday where he met with members of the Clyde Partnership Forum before touring and meeting staff in Ward 4 (acute stroke ward) and the intensive care unit.

While there he [recorded a message](#) for all NHSGGC staff thanking you all for hard work and dedication, particularly over the past two years.



Test & Protect text message scam

We have been made aware of a Test & Protect text message scam which is currently circulating.

The text message states that you have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 and asks you to order a COVID-19 test kit, for which you should pay a small sum (generally around £1.50).

If you or a member of your family receive one of these texts, please ignore it. NHS Scotland will not ask you to pay for a test kit.

Annual Leave Buyback and Carry Over 2021-22

Just a reminder that the Scottish Government has issued updated guidance in relation to annual leave carry over for 2021-22 and the ability to “sell back” some annual leave for health and social care staff.

Staff should continue to work with their line manager to try to take their annual leave entitlement this year, however – where this is not possible due to pressure on the service:

- Staff can sell back up to **10 days** accumulated leave from 2020-21 to be paid at time and a half.
- This is subject to criteria that staff members have to take at least their statutory minimum of 28 days (20 days annual and 8 public holidays for AFC, Exec and Senior Managers - until 31 March 2022) and 18 days of annual leave and 10 public holidays for Medical and Dental staff (for personal leave year 2021-22).
- Staff who do not wish to sell back leave will be able to carry over leave they have been unable to take due to service pressures into the 2022-23 leave year.

This is a voluntary scheme and no pressure will be put on staff to sell their leave entitlement in this way.

The process and relevant form to do this can be accessed on the [HR Connect Annual Leave page](#).

Please note that the deadline for submission for AFC Staff is 31 March 2022 and Medical and Dental Staff have to the end of their personal leave year.

Become an Activator/ Walk Leader

Are you passionate about physical activity?
Would you like to help your colleagues become more active?
Would you like to train as a 'Walk Leader'?



At Active Staff our staff physical activity champions, or Activators, exist to support their colleagues to become more active. Whether it's sending emails and putting up posters or leading classes and organising walking or jogging groups. An Activators' passion and enthusiasm shines through.

We are looking to recruit Activators NOW!

As we move back towards more events, hopefully getting face to face classes back indoors being an Activator would be a massive benefit for your colleagues and your workplace!

If you think this voluntary role could be for you, we'd love to hear from you!

For more information contact: ActiveStaff.Legacy2014@ggc.scot.nhs.uk



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](#).

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