

# Core brief

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## Introduction

This issue of Core Brief details an NHSGGC press release on robots leading the way in the fight against prostate cancer and a Scottish Government press release on the extension to the whistleblowing alert line.

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### Robot leads the way in fight against prostate cancer

Please find attached a press release on the successful introduction of world-leading robotic technology in the fight against prostate cancer.

[Click here to read the full release.](#)



### Extension to whistleblowing alert line

A confidential phone line for staff who wish to raise concerns about practices in NHS Scotland has been extended for a year.

The NHS Scotland Confidential Alert Line for NHS employees has now been running for three years and provides an additional level of independent and external support and advice for staff should they have any concerns about how or whether to whistleblow.

The one-year extension to the contract will allow the Scottish Government to continue to review the Alert Line service alongside the wider package of measures the Scottish Government has developed over the past few years to support NHS staff who have concerns about practice within the service.

The Scottish Government will introduce a new Independent National Whistleblowing Officer who will scrutinise the handling of whistleblowing cases, providing an independent and external level of review.

[Click here](#) to read the full release.

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