

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue of Core Brief asks for staff to remain vigilant and feeds back on security issues that were raised.

Staff vigilance

The events in London this weekend highlighted the continued need for security vigilance at all times both in our place of work and in the community.

Our hospitals and other healthcare facilities are, by nature, open public spaces for our patients, visitors and staff but there is much we can do to make them as safe as we can.

Over the past few days many staff have fed back with suggestions that could help improve safety and security and this local intelligence has been shared with the senior management resilience/response group with many being taken forward on a site by site basis.

Some “secure” doors were identified as being left wedged open. Issues were raised about the security of displaying uniform application forms in public places. Suggestions were made about the introduction of barrier bollards on very busy main entrances.

New measures are being put in place to reinforce the need for secure doors protocols to be applied. Regarding staff forms being too openly available – this is being addressed. Counter terrorism “secure by design” checks have been re-checked in regard to main entrances at key hospital sites.

One key area that remains a concern relates to the failure to report a lost security ID badge. It is very important that any staff report immediately to their line manager the loss of an “access ID badge” so that it can be de-activated swiftly and a new one issued.

Line managers should also ensure that any staff leaving their employment return both their ID badge and their uniform at the end of their last shift.

Not all ID badges have the special access chips embedded but it remains vitally important that all such identifying badges are worn at all times when at work.

Medical Illustration colleagues have printed off more than 1,000 “Prevent” posters provided to us by the police counter terrorism unit and NHSGGC Facilities are currently distributing them around our hospitals and community premises.

As the continued state of high vigilance continues we must all try to ensure doors that are supposed to be locked or closed are not left open. That we don't hold security doors open enabling people we do not know access to secure areas.

Wear a valid NHSGGC ID badge at all times. If you need to get an ID badge [use the link here](#) to get the application form and get it authorised by your line manager.

It is the responsibility of us all to take security seriously. If you have concerns about security risks or how to improve security email: DirectorofCommunications@ggc.scot.nhs.uk and this will be considered and shared with our security/resilience team.

Are your contact details up-to-date? [Click here](#) to check