

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue brings you a message from the Chairman on services at the IRH and the Scottish Government's whistleblowing alert line. It also reminds staff that the closing date for entries into the Chairman's awards is 31 July!

Statement from John Brown, Chairman

Yesterday, it was reported in various national newspapers that Inverclyde Royal Hospital is under threat due to staff shortages.

Reports such as this undermine the valuable contribution that the hospital and its staff make and cause unnecessary worry and alarm.

I therefore felt it important to reassure our staff, our patients and the public that there is absolutely no truth in this claim.

The Board has already confirmed its commitment to Inverclyde Royal Hospital.

The hospital has a long term future and will continue to play an important part in the delivery of healthcare in Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

Enhanced service for NHS Scotland staff

Staff in Scotland's health service will continue to benefit from external support should they have any concerns about patient safety or malpractice.

From 1 August, the NHS Scotland Confidential Alert Line will be expanded to become the Whistleblowing Alert and Advice Services for NHS Scotland (AALS).

The service will offer support from legally trained advisers and will help callers consider their options if they are unsure about how or whether to whistleblow, as well as passing concerns raised by staff, with their consent, to the appropriate Health Board or scrutiny body for further investigation. [Click here to read the full release.](#)



Nominate your NHS Hero

The Chairman's Awards celebrates innovation and the outstanding difference made by our staff who go that extra mile for their patients

To nominate visit:
www.nhsggc.org.uk/chairmansawards

Or tel: 0800 027 7246

Closing date for nominations is 31 July

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