

# Core brief

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## Introduction

This issue brings you a message of thanks from John Brown, the Chairman and details the Scottish Government suicide prevention plan. #

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## Message of thanks from the Chairman

I would like to express the sincere thanks of the Board of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde to all of our hospital and Health and Social Care Partnership staff and volunteers for their tremendous resilience during the extreme challenges that came with the so-called “Beast From The East”.

Despite extreme cold and three days of snow blizzards our staff made courageous efforts to get to work and care for patients when many businesses were forced to close.

The severe weather brought many added pressures on health services in hospitals and in the community and the way health and social care staff responded was something we should all feel very proud about.

There were a great many wonderful examples of staff going to extreme lengths to ensure patients continued to be well looked after.

It's also important to note the work done by many of our staff behind the scenes. Whether clinical, non-clinical, managerial, HSCP or corporate departments, a great number of our staff went the extra mile to ensure their colleagues were supported in looking after our patients.

We know that many of our staff stayed long after their shifts had finished in order to look after patients or continue all the other work that's necessary to ensure we can deliver our services.

It's also important to say thank you for the many messages of praise and support our staff received from our patients. We're grateful that the public were so supportive of the extra efforts of our staff and I know they were very well received.

I would also like to recognise the resilience of all our staff over the challenging winter months. They have coped admirably with sustained demand for unscheduled care at GP surgeries and our Emergency Departments as well as the resulting impact on many of our services.

It would be impossible to name and thank everybody individually, but, without doubt, our staff and volunteers were exceptional in their response and the board values their efforts very much.

**Draft Scottish Government suicide prevention plan published for public views.**

Workplaces across Scotland will receive a suicide prevention and mental health training programme under proposals announced today.

The Scottish Government is seeking views on the creation a nation-wide training programme, aimed at embedding mental health training in workplaces. [Click here to read more.](#)

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