

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue of Core Brief updates on bacteria controls; fire safety training; and we share another NHS 70th heroes story.

Update statement on bacteria controls

We are continuing to investigate the presence of bacteria in the water supply to some wards in the Royal Hospital for Children (RHC) with experts from Health Protection Scotland, Health Facilities Scotland and Scottish Water.

These bacteria can pose a risk to patients whose immunity is compromised, however we have put in place robust infection control measures to protect our patients.

We have now extended this testing and infection control measures to four wards treating the most immunity compromised patients in the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital (QEUH) to ensure that we take every precaution.

Three children continue to receive treatments for infections that may be linked to bacteria found in the water supply. Tests are ongoing to confirm if they are indeed linked. A fourth patient has shown symptoms and has been readmitted to the RHC. There are no reports of any patients being infected by bacteria from water in the adult wards.

A series of infection control measures were introduced to the affected RHC wards at the weekend and water filters are set to be installed. As a result, it is hoped that the full water supply will return to normal within 48 hours after appropriate testing has been carried out and it is anticipated this will be mirrored at the QEUH.

We would like to thank the patients and families in the wards affected in the RHC for their continuing patience and support while the testing was carried out and fitting of filters is being undertaken.

Fire safety training

All staff are reminded of the importance of fire safety training. Fire can happen anywhere and at any time and it is vital that all NHSGGC staff regularly carry out their fire safety training.

Fire safety training is **statutory** and can give you the skills needed to deal with fire safely. Staff should note in the event of a Fire activation you **must** call 2222 as stated in the fire protocol. Visit our online LearnPro module to find out more: <https://nhs.learnprouk.com/lms> (you will need your payroll number to log in).

SN - NHS heroes

In this, the 70th year of the NHS, we want to celebrate our NHS heroes, the men and women in our service who have touched our patients' lives and shown overwhelming dedication and professionalism. Over the coming months, we will share with you some examples of the messages and support we receive about you, our staff, on a daily basis. You are all our heroes!

To read the first three feature in this month's [Staff Newsletter, click here](#)

We plan to run these articles throughout the year. If you know of a hero in your workplace please let us know – simply go to: www.nhsggc.org.uk/patientfeedback

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