

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue of Core Brief details information on: First Minister announces 3% rise for majority of healthcare staff; Queen's Birthday Honours List; Congratulations; and Hospital staff swing into action.

First Minister announces 3% rise for majority of healthcare staff

The majority of NHS Scotland staff will receive a 3% pay rise this year, First Minister Nicola Sturgeon has confirmed.

The announcement benefits 147,000 'Agenda for Change' staff, such as nurses, midwives, allied health professionals, therapists, paramedics, support staff and administrators. It does not affect doctors, dentists or senior managers.

Staff currently earning up to £80,000 will receive at least a 3% uplift, and those earning £80,000 and over will receive a flat rate increase of £1,600. Staff not at the top of their pay bands will also receive any incremental progression they are due.

NHSGGC aims to include the uplift in July salaries.

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The Queen's Birthday Honours List 2018

Congratulations to Dr Norman Lannigan, Professor Carol Tannahill and Dr Sadhu - Ram Gupta who have all been awarded an OBE in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours list, for services to their professions.

Professor Tannahill is director at Glasgow Centre for Population Health and Chief Social Policy Adviser, Scottish Government, while Dr Lannigan former head of PPSU, retired last year, and Dr Gupta retired from his post in ophthalmology at IRH in 2011.

Congratulations

Congratulations also go to Lynsay Sutherland on achieving an MSc in Rehabilitative Audiology.

Lynsay is a senior audiologist based at Vale of Leven Hospital having joined the team in 2005 and was in the first cohort to complete the Graduate Diploma in Audiology.

Lynsay has a specialist interest in Tinnitus and has been invited to join the British Tinnitus Association Professional Advisory Committee which is a huge honour and is an indication of how highly her knowledge and skills are regarded within the Audiology profession.

Well done Lynsay!

Hospital staff swing into action

Staff at Stobhill Hospital were put to the test on Saturday evening when flash flooding affected the Renal Dialysis Unit.

Just after 5.30pm the sheer volume of water which collected on the roof of the unit overflowed, bringing down ceiling tiles and flooding the waiting area, dialysis rooms and main hospital atrium in about six inches of water.

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service were called immediately and staff swung into action to ensure patient safety, including the 13 patients who were receiving dialysis at the time.

Gary Jenkins, director of regional services, said: "Fortunately the patients were nearing the end of their treatment and unit staff were able to quickly and safely bring treatments to an end about 10 minutes earlier than planned. Staff and the Fire Service then helped the patients leave the unit through the fire escapes at the back of the building. All patients were led to safety."

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