

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue brings you information on the new navigators who will be at the QEUH and reminds you to get your entries in to the Chairman's Awards and William Cullen Prize.

Navigators

This weekend clocking on for their first night shift in the emergency department at Glasgow's Queen Elizabeth University Hospital will be two new faces.

Their bright pink t-shirts make them easy to spot. Sam and Thomas are navigators and their job is to break the chain of violence which sees some people trapped in a spiralling cycle of hospital admissions.

In a UK first the Navigator scheme was piloted at Glasgow Royal Infirmary. Following success there it was rolled out to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh. The team of four navigators have now offered support to around a thousand people during that "reachable moment" when people may be open to making change. From young people involved in gang life to those suffering domestic abuse or trapped in addiction, the navigators can provide help beyond the A&E department to support people out of violence.

A further £140,000 in funding from the Scottish Government has allowed Navigator to be extended to QEUH and Crosshouse Hospital in South Ayrshire.

Lead navigator Sam Fingland who will be working at QEUH said: "We are delighted to be given the chance to compliment the amazing work the dedicated team at QEUH do every day. By using the unique opportunity the hospital setting offers we can form a connection with patients which allows us to help them access the services they need outside hospital to break free of the cycle of violence they're trapped in. This can have a positive ripple effect across families and even communities."

QEUH emergency department Clinical Director Alan Whitelaw said: "I know I speak for everyone in the emergency department when I say I am delighted to welcome the navigators to the ED and we look forward to working with them to improve the outcome of patients affected by violence. The impact of the navigators in other EDs is well documented and we are hugely enthusiastic about bringing this service to the QEUH."

Navigator is run by the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit, which is part of Police Scotland, and charity Medics Against Violence in partnership with the NHS.

You can follow them on Twitter @NavigatorsScot and Facebook @navigatorscotland

Chairman's Awards

You only have a few days left to get your entries in for this year's Chairman's Awards!

The awards are totally unique this year, never again will you get the chance to win a special Platinum Award in celebration of the NHS 70th Anniversary.

[To enter click here.](#)

William Cullen Prize

Have you got your William Cullen Prize entry in yet? Time is fast running out with the closing date of 31 July you need to get those entries in now!

This rare and prestigious prize for innovation for medics who have made a significant contribution to service innovation in Greater Glasgow and Clyde is up for grabs. It could be yours - all you have to do is send an entry! [Click here for more information.](#)

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