

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue provides information on an HPS report on the water at the Royal Hospital for Children and the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital.

A Health Protection Scotland (HPS) report on the water at the Royal Hospital for Children and the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital was issued today - click on the following link for the full report: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/qe-university-hospital-royal-hospital-children-water-incident/>

NHSGGC statement on water report below:

There have been no cases of infection associated with water since September 2018.

Our engineering teams have installed a water treatment system within the Royal Hospital for Children and are working on the new system for the adult hospital. This will be completed in March.

In the meantime, filters remain in place and we continue to monitor the quality of water with very encouraging results.

Over the past few months, whilst our investigations continued, our overriding priority has always been the safety of our patients.

We are sorry that a number of young patients in our care suffered an infection and also apologise for the inconvenience and worry that the families in wards 2A and B in particular will have experienced.

Since the report, written in December 2018, the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport has announced a review into the design, commissioning and construction of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital and the Royal Hospital for Children.

Earlier this week our Board also approved a further three reviews into the hospital to provide assurance to the public and address recent concerns.

Our teams will be supported in these reviews by national experts including Health Protection Scotland and Healthcare Facilities Scotland.