

Core brief

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Introduction

Bringing you news about a livestream event tomorrow about The Best Start and we are leading the way for bipolar patients.

Best Start Journey – Two Years On

An event is being held tomorrow (1st March) in Edinburgh about The Best Start which is a five year forward plan for maternity and neonatal care in Scotland.

The Scottish Government has arranged for a livestream at: <https://livestream.com/cameron/beststart> of the event which will showcase the work over the last two years from across The Best Start - this can be viewed for several weeks.

If you want to interact with the event and ask questions live alongside delegates at Murrayfield, you can do this by accessing the event via Slido: <https://app2.sli.do/event/2rdkzvwr> There is also a Slido app which you can download - if you are downloading the app, please enter the event code #BestStart

NHSGGC leading the way for bipolar patients

We are leading the way on providing care for patients diagnosed with bipolar disorder. A dedicated pathway has been developed for bipolar patients across Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

A report published today by the University of Glasgow on patients with bipolar disorder in Scotland being prescribed medication that could make symptoms worse led to NHSGGC working with the author of the report to introduce a new pathway for patients which will see them being prescribed medication for their needs.

Dr Michael Smith, Lead Associate Medical Director for Mental Health said: "This report looked at data between 2009 and 2016.

"Since then we have worked with Professor Smith, the author of the research, to tailor a pathway dedicated to individual patient needs.

"Improvements to bipolar care are a particular focus of the Mental Health strategy for Greater Glasgow and Clyde and we are at the forefront of care for bipolar patients." [Click here to read the press release.](#)