

# Core brief

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## **Introduction**

This issue of Core Brief details information on an article printed in today's Herald and Evening Times.

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## **Fire safety article in today's Herald and Evening Times**

You may be aware of a story about fire safety at the QEUH, which has been printed today in The Herald and Evening Times.

The Herald failed to carry our statement in full in the printed version, leading to a lack of balance. We are addressing this with The Herald.

We encourage all staff to ensure they are aware of the fire safety and evacuation procedures and to complete their yearly statutory and mandatory Fire Safety Training LearnPro module.

## **NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde statement**

NHSGGC takes fire safety very seriously and staff are required to carry out annual, statutory and mandatory General Awareness Fire Safety Training. This reinforces the core principles of fire safety which includes evacuation, and the important differences between the single or double tone alarm system.

The fire strategy for the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital was developed in consultation with a range of fire safety experts and has the required approvals from statutory and mandatory bodies. QEUH staff – around 10,000 people - undertook training before the hospital opened and signed to say they understood it.

As well as this, we are also in regular contact with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Services, who visit the site and ensure that our fire risk assessments are suitable and sufficient.

The site has clear fire evacuation processes in place for all areas, with fire action notices clearly displayed in all areas advising people of the actions to take following a fire alarm activation.

All staff are required to be familiar with the actions required of them in event of a fire alarm activation, including following the fire evacuation procedure for their area if the alarm sounds.

This member of staff's concerns will be taken seriously and raised with our Facilities Managers and Fire Officers. They are also encouraged to raise these concerns with their own line manager.