NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Core brief

Introduction

This issue of Core Brief details information on taxis and changes to courier authorisation codes.

Changes to taxis and courier authorisation codes

In NHSGGC, we spend £2.5 million on taxis every year transporting staff, patients and packages.

Taxis can be an expensive way of transportation and every pound wasted on taxis is money which could be spent better elsewhere.

So we need you to stop and think, do you really need a taxi?

Consider the following before booking a taxi:
- What is it you need to move from one place to another?
- Do you have to send the item physically or can there be an electronic transfer, i.e. email?
- If the item needs to be physically moved, can it go via inter-site buses or internal mail?
- Do you really need to call a taxi, or can a courier move your item?
- If an item needs to be posted to a location outside the NHSGGC estate, can the item be posted via standard mail instead of a courier?

We ask that you discuss movement of items at your next team meeting, consider how they can be moved more efficiently or cost effectively and for any ideas on this theme, please send suggestions to: FIP-PMO@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

We will also soon be writing out to the Directors and Chief Officers asking them to nominate "Responsible Owners" of courier authorisation codes for directorate, sectors and service areas in order to put more control around the use of couriers.

We ask everyone to think about how and why they are using couriers and to make sure this is limited and in line with the protocol for ordering and use of taxis and couriers.

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