

Core brief

Daily COVID-19 update (20 April 2020, 4.40pm)

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Reassignment of Staff (Clinical)

During this pandemic, we are asking all staff to support colleagues across NHSGGC. We have now created a Guide which is aimed at all Clinical Staff and [you can view this here](#). As demands change you may be required to work in an alternative area and we would urge all staff to assist where possible and this will be greatly appreciated.

Medical Staff FAQs

We have created a series of FAQs aimed at Dentists and Doctors in Training (DDiT), Clinical Fellows and Career Grade Clinicians. These are [available to view here](#) and will be updated when more information is available.

Pharmacy Clinical Trials Teams update

The Pharmacy Clinical Trials Team has rapidly responded to COVID-19, making it possible for existing clinical trials to safely continue and opening up new ones for COVID-19 patients, all in a matter of weeks.

This has included a review of current existing trials to reduce onsite patient visits and ensuring any additional risks of continuing treatment were identified and addressed. This included one of the Portfolio teams dispensing 200 trial-related items in one day to support the delivery to the patients, compared to around 100 items per week in 2019.

A multidisciplinary effort has made it possible to open four clinical trials related to COVID-19 within a two week period, with others in set-up and some evolving to incorporate additional arms regularly. This includes the hard work of intensivists, respiratory physicians, infectious diseases physicians, clinical pharmacists, aseptic & dispensary pharmacy teams, clinical trials pharmacy, research nursing staff and R&D staff.

For anyone looking for more information about pharmacy clinical trials, please contact:
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Staff support in R&R Hubs

Hospital Chaplain Jim Meighan regularly attends one of our hubs to offer support to staff. He has filmed a [short video](#) about the support available and how incredible our staff are to each other, their patients and relatives.

All staff can access help and support for both mental and physical health on our dedicated web pages, [click here for more information](#).

Face fit testing – military assistance

As we highlighted last week, the Health and Safety team were joined by a team from the military to help with fit testing for FFP3 masks over the weekend. Their assistance is welcomed, enabling increased numbers of staff to be fit tested. We will continue to be supported by military personnel over the coming weeks.



Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at: www.nhsggc.org.uk/covid19. If you have any questions about the current situation please check the [FAQs](#) first. If you have any further questions, please email: staff.covid19@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

Staff are reminded to make sure their [personal contact details are up to date on eESS](#).

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