

Core brief

**Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive
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I have enjoyed seeing all the social media messages, photos and videos being posted today by our Corporate Communications Team and by colleagues as we mark International Nurses' Day.

It's lovely to see so many smiling faces as you take some well-earned time out to celebrate what it means to be a nurse.

It's clear that there's a real sense of pride amongst NHSGGC nurses and you are right to feel proud. Thank you for all that you do to care for our patients at all times, and particularly, in the face of COVID-19.

I know that many of you are working in difficult circumstances. I hear of the discomfort in wearing personal protective equipment for long periods. I know that many of you have retrained and are working in different and new environments. I am aware that the barriers between you and your patients caused by face masks makes communications more difficult.

I know too that, as nurses, you are finding ways around these barriers to ensure that patients continue to receive compassionate, quality care and are supported by you when their families and loved ones are unable to visit them. Thank you to you all for your dedication and professionalism.

I also want to say a word of thanks to our practice development and corporate nursing staff who have supported many nursing colleagues to adapt to new roles to help with the effort to combat COVID-19. The rapid deployment of nursing teams from theatres and other areas to support critical care colleagues was a significant undertaking and you should be proud of your contribution to our efforts to respond to this health emergency. Well done to you all.

Thank you.



GRI staff with Sticks and Kicks