

# Core brief

**Daily COVID-19 update**  
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## Life on the Frontline

Earlier this week we launched **Life on the Frontline**, a series of personal accounts from colleagues across NHSGGC.

Today, Jean Stevenson, Nurse Manager, Covid 19 Testing Centres, tells the story of how her work and home life has changed during the COVID-19 outbreak as well as what she is most proud of.



## Referral to testing for NHSGGC health and social care staff with COVID-19 symptoms

A reminder that all health and social care staff in Greater Glasgow and Clyde, including GPs and dentists, community pharmacists, care home and homecare staff, who have symptoms should be referred for testing within the first 5 days.

The [Staff Testing Referral Form](#) can be used for both line manager referral and staff self-referral for themselves or their symptomatic household contact. It should be agreed between the member of staff and the line manager who will complete the referral to ensure that it is submitted and that the member of staff/household contacted is tested.

### **Bereavement resources now available**

We are pleased to let you know that we now have two new Bereavement resources in stock.

Scottish Government has updated the Bereavement booklet & card wallet '[When Someone Has Died – information for you](#)'

The COVID-19 pandemic has required changes to be made to the normal process of registering a death in Scotland. To explain these changes we have produced a flyer '[Registering a death in Glasgow & Clyde during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)'



We are arranging an initial distribution of these resources to the Palliative Care Team, key areas across Acute settings and Hospices within NHSGGC, all delivered directly from our new Central Stores at Dava Street, Govan.

To request a print supply of these and other COVID-19 resources please register on the Public Health Resource Directory ([PHRD](#)) and place your order.

The NHSGGC flyer has also been translated into seven community languages: Arabic, Farsi, Urdu, Mandarin, Polish, Romanian, Slovak and these are available to download [here](#).

If you have any queries around this please contact: Information Management Team, Public Health: [perl@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:perl@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)

### **GRI Emergency Department's thank you to the children**

The children of those working at GRI's Emergency Department have received a very special thank you letter.

In the letter, they thank the children for sharing their parents at this difficult time and stress how important their job is in making sure we can all get back to normal. The letter also recognises how the children may be feeling about the changes going on around them and lets them know what they can do to help keep themselves safe and support their families.

The response to the letters from both the children and staff has been overwhelmingly positive and has helped highlight the valuable contribution being made by each individual.

### **McNair Ward Artwork**

Staff and patients at Gartnavel Royal Hospital have been using their amazing creativity to connect with the outdoors during the lockdown restrictions.

Patients at the McNair ward – which offers care for adults with mental health issues – normally benefit hugely from the gardens and greenery of the Gartnavel site. So, with the coming of Spring they decided to bring nature indoors.

The stunning artwork includes a Tree of Hope, which contains memories and messages of hope on each leaf. Bees and butterflies appear alongside the NHS rainbow, reflecting the changes in the season. Staff and patients also used their hand prints to create a large heart shape – a symbol of unity and togetherness in these difficult times.

As the season continues, the creative team at McNair will continue to produce new artwork to reflect the changes in our natural environment.



### **ScotRail Update**

We advised earlier in the week that ScotRail were introducing additional services on selected routes from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May. We have now been advised by ScotRail this is on hold and the existing services will continue to operate until further notice. Please continue to visit [Staffnet](#) for up to date information on public transport services.

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