

Core brief

Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive
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As the pandemic has unfolded, a new and important task for the NHS has been the testing of Care Home residents and staff.

The Scottish Government has given a pledge to publish these figures and the first of these were released this week. We all recognise just how important these figures are as the country continues its fight against the virus.

While, initially, some of the figures published for us were incorrect, this was quickly remedied.

I want to recognise that behind these figures lies a great deal of work and commitment by staff throughout our six HSCPs as well as Public Health, eHealth, and many others. In the first week of June alone, 1,127 asymptomatic staff and 678 asymptomatic residents in Care Homes within the large Greater Glasgow and Clyde area received a COVID-19 test. The cumulative figures up until 7 June are also 7,835 and 6,033 respectively.

This is no small task and it's something that has never been expected of us before. Our staff have risen to this challenge without question, formulated plans, often working in alternative roles and executed these diligently and professionally.

I also want to thank those who have committed to be part of our Test and Protect response. Many of you have left behind your normal role, undertaken training at short notice and are either working from different locations or from home. I recognise none of this is easy and thank you for the flexibility you have shown.

If you or your household contacts have symptoms, you can continue to access testing through the NHSGGC testing service.

You can self-refer or be referred by your line manager and can access our updated e-referral form [here](#). If you have any questions about our testing service you can find more information, including our FAQs [here](#).

With thanks.