

Core brief

Daily update
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NEWS2 is coming!

NEWS has been updated by the Royal College of Physicians. The updated chart, known as **NEWS2**, will replace the current NEWS chart in all adult areas. **NEWS2** will not be used in paediatric or maternity services.



NEWS2 is recommended to standardise the approach to detecting and grading the severity of acute illness, and the detection of sepsis and delirium. The core principles of NEWS have not changed, however, there are some key changes that should improve the usability and safety of this scoring system.

These include:

- The improved recognition of patients at risk of serious clinical deterioration and escalation
- The improved recording of NEWS scoring of recommended oxygen saturations for patients with hypercapnic respiratory failure (e.g. COPD)
- The improved recording of administration of oxygen
- The recognition of new onset confusion/sepsis/delirium.

NEWS2 is being implemented across NHSGGC throughout September, October and November 2020.

Implementation dates:

South Sector: 21 September 2020

Clyde Sector: 12 October 2020

North Sector: 2 November 2020

There will drop-in teaching sessions on the key changes to the NEWS2 chart in each sector prior to implementation. Dates and venues will be cascaded via relevant communication channels. These sessions will be for all practitioners involved with the recording, management and escalation of NEWS (nurses, medical staff and allied health practitioners). There is an eLearning module on NHS LearnPro: GGC NEWS2. It is mandatory that this is completed. There is also a dedicated NEWS2 page on the Practice Development page on NHSGGC Moodle www.ggcmoodle.scot.nhs.uk that is open for all practitioners to access. This contains a number of resources and a voiceover PowerPoint presentation.

Please run down stock of old NEWS chart prior to implementation date of updated NEWS2 chart. All old NEWS charts will need to be discarded on implementation date. The PECOS code NEWS2 chart is GGC0264. An initial two month supply of NEWS2 charts will be delivered to each clinical area prior to implementation.

For further information please contact Acute Services Practice Development:
practicedevelopment.enquiries@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.

Violent and aggressive behaviour at our sites

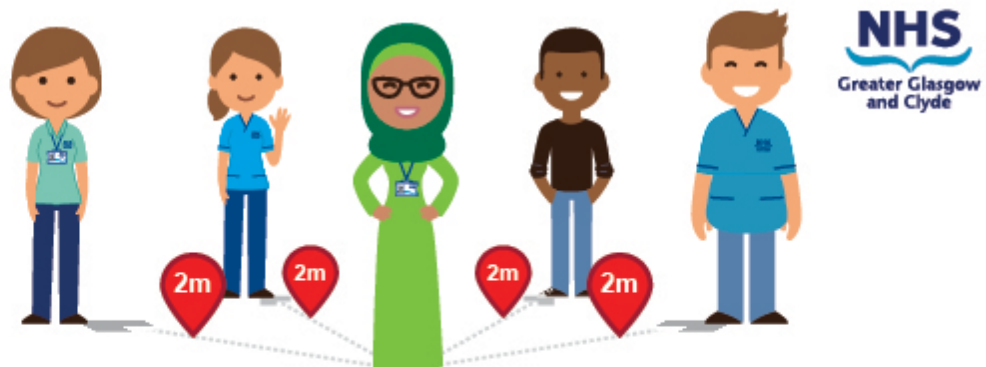
We are very saddened to report a rise in violence and aggression towards our hospital staff in recent weeks, with almost 2,300 incidents since March. This type of behaviour is completely unacceptable, and we ask that any members of staff who experience threatening behaviour of any sort, report it immediately, initiate support from our site security team and if needed, the police.

We have issued statistics to the press today, which show the number of incidents between March and early August and we expect this information to be published in the coming days. We have also posted a reminder to members of the public, via our social media channels, asking people visiting our sites to behave respectfully towards our staff at all times.

If you have any questions or concerns about violent or aggressive behaviour at your place of work, please contact your line manager or local Trade Union rep for support.

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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Respect personal space and keep 2 metres apart.**

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