

Core brief

Daily update
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DAILY REMINDER: Social Distancing is Everyone's Responsibility
Revisit your Social Distancing risk assessment if changes are required, and as a general reminder of the controls that are in place in your area of work.

Appointment of Deputy Nurse Director – Corporate and Community

We are delighted to announce that Jennifer (Jen) Rodgers, Chief Nurse for Paediatric and Neonatal Services has been appointed as Deputy Nurse Director for Corporate and Community with effect from 1 November.

Dr Margaret McGuire, Board Nurse Director, said: "I am delighted to welcome Jen to the Corporate Team. Her leadership qualities, experience and dedication to improving care for those we look after will be a real asset in ensuring the delivery of high quality safe, effective and person centred care and take on additional responsibilities for care homes. Jen will work closely with Angela O'Neill Deputy Nurse Director for Acute and the Senior NMAHP team across GGC. With the additional challenges and responsibilities that we are facing together during COVID-19, this timely role will be a great asset to NHSGGC and wider."



Jen said: "I am really looking forward to working with existing and new colleagues across the boards corporate and community nursing teams. The current pandemic adds to this challenge however my commitment to ensuring top quality, person centred care for all people within all our systems will remain core to all I do."

Stop the Spread - COVID-19 Good Practice Points poster

Health Protection Scotland have produced a new poster based on the Scottish Government's Interim Guidance on the extended use of medical face masks by staff and the UK 4 Nations COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Guidance.

It is a visual guide for staff to support the application of the above guidance and contains key points on physical distancing and use of medical face masks.

[Click here to download a copy of the poster.](#)

NHSGGC Flying Start Portal

Flying Start NHS® is the national development programme that the Scottish Government and NHSGGC requires all registered nurses, midwives and allied health professionals (AHPs) to complete, in their first 12 months of practice.

Each newly qualified practitioner (NQP), during the first year of practice, will be afforded 24 hours protected learning time away from the workplace to support completion of the Flying Start NHS® programme.

[NHSGGC Flying Start Portal](#) is online, interactive and encompasses the information and resources required to support you through the programme.

Claim Tax Relief for your Job Expenses

You may be able to claim tax relief for additional household costs if you have to work at home on a regular basis, either for all or part of the week. This includes if you have to work from home because of COVID-19. You cannot claim tax relief if you choose to work from home.

Additional costs include things like heating, home contents insurance, business calls or a new broadband connection. They do not include costs that would stay the same whether you were working at home or in an office, such as mortgage interest, rent or council tax.

If you want to check if you are eligible you will need a Government Gateway access code which you can get as part of the process. For more information, visit:

<https://www.tax.service.gov.uk/claim-tax-relief-expenses/claim-online>



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

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