

# Core brief

**Daily update**  
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**DAILY REMINDER: Don't Spread the Virus at Work or Home**  
**Be mindful of COVID-19 transmission routes. Avoid touching your face including; your mouth, eyes, nose or biting your nails after touching surfaces or objects.**

## **Lateral flow testing available for patient-facing staff**

Lateral flow testing for COVID-19 has been rolled out to staff at Gartnavel Campus (including Gartnavel General Hospital, Gartnavel Royal and the Beatson Oncology Centre) and our Community Assessment Centres. We will be rolling out to the GRI and Lightburn campus this week with other sites coming on line in the next few weeks and we will keep you posted on progress via Core Brief.

Walkthrough sessions, specifically for staff who will be acting as initial observers will be taking place via MS Teams at the following times. If you wish to attend please contact your line manager for more information.

Today - 1400 (delivered by Stephen Hughes)

Wed - 1400 (delivered by Stephen Hughes)

Thu - 1600 (delivered by Sally Taylor)

Staff should receive their kits from their line manager and should visit the [NHSGGC web site](#) for more information including access to the self-testing staff guide, including information on how to report your results, a video and some helpful FAQs. For Estates and Facilities staff arrangements to ensure you have the guide will be organised locally.

Staff with access to lateral flow testing will include, in the first instance, all clinical students on placement, porters, cleaners, maintenance staff, volunteers, chaplains, healthcare scientists, Allied Health Professionals (AHPs), doctors, nurses and bank/agency staff.

Testing is voluntary, however we are strongly encouraging all eligible staff to undertake it on a routine basis. If you have any questions or queries, please speak to your line manager in the first instance.

## Scottish Health Awards – Congratulations to the vCreate COVID-19 Project Team

The vCreate COVID-19 Project Team picked up the Innovation Award at the Scottish Health Awards for expanding their video service to help families stay in touch with patients in hospital during COVID-19.

The vCreate video service was first developed in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Royal Hospital for Children, to enable staff to send short videos securely to patient families.



During the COVID-19 pandemic it was expanded for use in adult ICUs across NHS GGC and more widely in Scotland, to help keep families connected to their loved ones.

This vCreate service is now being used in neonatal units at the Royal Hospital for Children, Princess Royal Maternity, Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paediatric Intensive Care at Royal Hospital for Children and adult Intensive Care Units at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow Royal Infirmary and Inverclyde Royal Hospital. The service has also spread to 120 sites in the UK, Europe and North America, and has been piloted in Care Homes throughout Scotland.

The original service has also been adapted to provide remote care to patients, who can share videos and relevant information safely with their clinical teams. This new service has been piloted in neurology, infant development and Allied Health services across NHS GGC, and used by over 1000 patients so far.

Neil Patel, Consultant Neonatologist and clinical lead on the project, said: "This year has sped past, with so many people working so hard on this project. It has been an incredible experience to see the impact of their extraordinary efforts during the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has been involved in NHS GGC and beyond."

The vCreate project was developed by the West of Scotland Innovation Hub, which brings together people from a range of disciplines to solve a range of challenges facing the health service.

Aileen McIntyre, eHealth Project Lead with the Innovation Hub, said the project was a huge team effort, and that the award gave the entire team a real sense of achievement.

"The good relationships we developed and the ways of working we created stands us in good stead for the future," she said.

Neil Patel paid tribute to everybody involved in the project, particularly Catriona MacNeil, ICU and Anaesthetics Consultant at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital (QEUH), Sameer Zuberi, Professor of Paediatric Neurology at the QEUH, the Neonatal Team at the Royal Hospital for Children, Vanessa Lang Project Manager and Mark Greig, Programme Manager, West of Scotland Innovation Hub.

Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at: [www.nhsggc.org.uk/covid19](http://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](mailto:staff.covid19@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)

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