

Core brief

Daily update
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Daily Reminder: Social Distancing is Everyone's Responsibility
Managers should ensure rooms have maximum capacity signage on entrance doors. Rooms can be measured out using two metre spacing to work out capacity. Staff are reminded to ensure they do not exceed this capacity.

National Infection Prevention and Control Manual

There has been a number of updates to the Scottish COVID-19 addendum for acute care settings which is now available at: <http://www.nipcm.hps.scot.nhs.uk/>

The Scottish Government has also developed a Hospital Testing table which summarises testing requirements for staff and patients. The information contained within it is not new but a helpful quick guide. This will be added to the addendum however, you can [click here to access the table](#).

A range of national Infection prevention and control educational resources to support the contents of the Scottish COVID-19 addendum have also been created and these can be accessed [here](#).

Ventilation and air conditioning during the COVID-19 pandemic

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has recently published updated guidance on ventilation and air conditioning within the workplace during the COVID-19 pandemic. It reiterates that *“Good ventilation, together with social distancing, keeping your workplace clean and frequent handwashing, can help reduce the risk of spreading coronavirus.”* The updated guidance outlines steps that can be taken to ensure that ventilation is improved whilst balancing the need to maintain comfortable temperatures within the work environment. It will also assist in identifying poorly ventilated areas within your workplace, as well as steps to take to ensure appropriate ventilation within vehicles.

Please access the [updated guidance](#) for further information.

If you have any concerns regarding the functioning of ventilation or air conditioning within your work area, please forward your concern to: Corporate.Compliance@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.

The use of fans within clinical areas should continue to follow the [guidance](#) previously issued by Health Protection Scotland.

Your local Health and Safety Practitioner is also available to talk through any issues regarding ventilation within the workplace where required.

NHSGGC Future Nurse and Midwife Programme Board

We are currently seeking your help to increase the number of learning opportunities available to student nurses and midwives across the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board area.

If you or your workplace do not currently support student nurses and midwives can you provide an opportunity for them to learn and develop new skills? This is a great opportunity for you to invest your knowledge and expertise in our future nursing and midwifery workforce whilst developing your own supervision and assessment skills.

Even if you haven't supported students previously, the Practice Education team will provide you with the resources you will need.

For further information please email: practiceeducation@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

Staff Health Strategy initiative

In line with our Staff Health Strategy, and with colleague wellbeing at heart, Health Improvement has built on a strong working relationship with [Home Energy Scotland](#) to enable NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde staff to benefit this winter from free, impartial energy saving advice and support available from Scottish Government.

Providing access to this service now is relevant and timely. The weather has turned colder and the 'heating season' has begun, and with a lot of us working from home, and at home for longer due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, home energy bills are likely to be on the rise.

Home Energy Scotland provides tailored advice to help people reduce their bills and create warmer homes, whether they own or rent their property. Friendly advisors can assist in a range of ways:

- Clear advice on ways to save energy and reduce fuel costs while staying warm at home
- Advice about grant and interest-free loan funding for heating, insulation and more
- Practical help if you find yourself without heating or hot water
- The latest information about extra help from energy suppliers

Note: Home Energy Scotland has no connection with any energy supplier, and does not cold call.

We encourage all colleagues to take advantage of this opportunity by contacting Home Energy Scotland by one of the methods below. Please encourage your colleagues, friends and family to also get in touch.

Freephone 0808 808 2282 – quoting reference NHSGGC

Email: adviceteam@sc.homeenergyscotland.org – an advisor will call/ email back

Visit: www.homeenergyscotland.org - online enquiry option

The Home Energy Scotland advice line is open Monday to Friday 8am – 8pm and Saturday 9am – 5pm.

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