

Core brief

**Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive
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The last seven days have been quite significant for NHSGGC. The number of people being treated for COVID-19 in our hospitals is at an all-time high. This, in turn, has caused even greater pressure on our services and our staff. The current level of staff absence as a result of COVID-19, whether due to illness or self-isolation, is also increasing.

Recognising these challenges, we are currently re-doubling our efforts to recruit staff and are also putting in place plans to redeploy colleagues from other areas so that we are able to continue to provide quality care for our patients and, importantly, support all of you who are working under such challenging circumstances. For all those members of staff working on the front line, your support and commitment to your patients and colleagues is both humbling and greatly appreciated.

The current situation makes the COVID vaccination programme all the more significant and I was pleased to see some of the photos in the media last weekend showing 5,000 of our staff making their way through the Louisa Jordan Hospital to receive their COVID vaccination. Our vaccinators and support staff have performed quite a feat to vaccinate so many people in such a short space of time. The glowing feedback from colleagues, much of which has been shared on social media, really was testament to their hard work. Now to do it all again this weekend! I have no doubt that everything will run to plan and I would like to thank you all in advance for your continued commitment to the programme and your fellow staff.

Due to this level of commitment, we are now in a position to start administering the second dose of the vaccination to colleagues who were vaccinated before Christmas. The online booking tool is open for you to book your appointments and I understand that the majority of those eligible have already been booked in. If you have yet to do so, please prioritise making your booking and if you need any support, please speak with your line manager in the first instance.

I am also pleased that we have now announced the locations of our mass community vaccination centres. We will have 15 based in local communities across Greater Glasgow and Clyde that will serve members of the public and support them to receive their vaccination. They will be in addition to the Louisa Jordan Hospital.

It is expected that around 1,000 people will move through each community vaccination centre every day once they are fully up and running. The programme team have done a first-rate job to coordinate this with Local Authority, HSCP and HM Forces colleagues. I am very much looking forward to seeing them all opening their doors over the next few weeks.

Hopefully, the current situation will begin to improve shortly. Thank you again for all of your hard work and commitment during these times. Your outstanding contribution over the last few months is greatly appreciated.

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