Daily update
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One million people vaccinated

Yesterday our COVID vaccination team’s efforts helped to enable an incredible national milestone to be reached when the millionth person in Scotland was vaccinated.

A great big thank you goes to each and every one of you who have helped Scotland reach this landmark number in the biggest vaccination programme ever delivered.

We have also received a message of support for our vaccination teams from the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport, Jeane Freeman MSP, conveying her thanks;

“I wanted to send you my personal thanks at reaching the important milestone of one million vaccinations. This is a fantastic achievement and down to the hard work of your teams and your leadership. Of course we have more to do and many more vaccines to deliver but please take a moment to recognise what has been achieved in just over two months and please pass on my thanks to everyone involved.”

Our vaccinators, eHealth, pharmacy, HR and transport, procurement and public health teams have contributed to an incredible achievement and each of you should be as proud of yourselves as we are of you!

FFP3 mask: 3M 1863 – Important Information

It is essential that all users of the 3M 1863 face mask (pictured) attend a face fit session to transition to a different mask as soon as possible. The 3m 1863 mask will reach its end of use date on the 31 March 2021 and will no longer be able to be used after this date.

Line managers must ensure that all staff who are only fitted to and use a 3M 1863 mask are now fitted for an alternative. This should be done by local qualitative fit testers, or by quantitative Portacount testing if there are no local fit testers available.

Please note this does not affect the 3M 1863+.
Anticipatory Care Planning – New LearnPro

Anticipatory Care Planning (ACP) is an integral part of ensuring that people receive the right care at the right time. By having conversations to discuss what matters to people, and what their preferences are regarding treatment options and place of care, health and social care can work together to empower people to take control of their lives.

While training opportunities have been restricted due to current pressures, ACP remains part of core business and therefore it is important for all staff to understand where to find this information and how to share it with colleagues.

The Anticipatory Care Planning Team have created an online learning module to give staff an overview of what ACPs are, how to start these conversations, and how we can share information between multiple services. You can access it via the website or through LearnPro (GGC 028: Anticipatory Care Planning). There is also virtual face to face training available for staff which provides an opportunity to practice communication skills. More information can be found here.

If you have any question please contact ACPSupport@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

New clinical trial to test a respiratory monitoring service for COVID-19 patients

A new digital solution to help predict respiratory failure in COVID-19 patients is being trialled by NHSGGC.

NHSGGC clinicians alongside partners Storm ID and Altair Medical have developed a remote respiratory monitoring solution.

The COVID-19 Advanced Respiratory Physiological platform (CARP) uses wearable sensors, respiratory algorithms and a clinical dashboard to monitor patients.

Dr Chris Carlin, Consultant Physician at NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, said: “The COVID-19 Advanced Respiratory Physiological platform uses wearable sensors to help monitor COVID-19 patients. This gives us critical, real-time capability to conduct a clinical trial to see if these sensors can identify and predict respiratory failure. Patients with COVID-19 are at risk of sudden deterioration so we’re hoping that this technology evaluation will result in tools which can assist clinicians in treating patients as quickly as possible.”

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.***