

Core brief

**Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive
(12 February 2021, 5.45pm)**

I would like to start by thanking all of our staff who needed to brave the elements this week and despite the snow and ice, managed to attend work. In particular, I want to recognise our Estates and Facilities team, who have been working hard to ensure our sites, particularly our car parks, pathways and entrances are clear and as safe as possible.

I would like to remind you all to please stay safe when travelling and give yourselves plenty of time to reach where you need to go. There may be further inclement weather over the weekend, so just in case, please be prepared and should you need it, our [website](#) includes some helpful advice for staff and managers.

This week you will have heard the First Minister announce that supplies of the COVID vaccine have been affected by a "temporary reduction" in Pfizer's manufacturing capacity, with Scotland having received slightly lower stocks of the vaccine than expected. I want to reassure staff that in line with this, we are adjusting our vaccination programme and we will prioritise administering the second dose to our staff and older adult care home residents. We will continue to run vaccination clinics across Greater Glasgow and Clyde, but with reduced appointments until the supply of the vaccine increases again. When this happens, we are in a strong position to rapidly accelerate the programme again and I have every confidence in the vaccination team to move this forward when the time comes.

The great news is that in Scotland we reached the milestone of one million people being vaccinated. I am delighted to say that of those vaccinated to date, over 250,000 people were given the vaccine by our NHSGGC teams. This really is a fantastic effort and I thank you all.

A member of our Communications team visited one of our mass vaccination centres this week and was able to capture the huge levels of positivity, both from our staff and members of the public, who were receiving their vaccination. You will be able to read their stories in our Faces of Hope series on our [social media](#) channels. I personally found them to be a spirit booster and a great reminder about why this programme is so important.

Whilst there is hope, we also need to make sure that we are not complacent. We all must continue to follow the rules; wear a face mask or face covering; remember to physically distance whenever possible; clean your hands regularly and if you have symptoms, please self-isolate and book a test. By supporting one another, we will make it through, so please stick with it. Your efforts are, as ever, greatly appreciated.

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