

Core brief

Daily update

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COVID vaccination - second dose for staff

While we continue our vaccination programme for vulnerable members of the community it is also time to start vaccinating health and social care staff with their second dose.

It is important that staff attend for their second vaccination as the evidence is that it provides additional and longer term protection

Everyone who received a first vaccination before the 17th of January should have received a link to book their second appointment.

Those who were vaccinated between the 18th and 24th of January will be contacted this week

If you have not been contacted this will be because we did not have a note of your mobile number or email address . If this is the case please email:

Ggc.CovidVaccinationContactCentre@ggc.scot.nhs.uk giving the date and location of your first vaccination.

Life on the Frontline – Contact Tracers

Our [Test and Protect service](#) has been working hard since March last year to reach out and connect with as many people possible within 24 hours of having a positive test result, in order to trace their movements and interactions during their potentially infectious period.

The team have been doing a phenomenal job and in the next few Core Briefs we are going to feature people working in the team who have come from many industries hit hard by the virus and are now helping to keep the people in Greater Glasgow and Clyde as safe as possible in these unpredictable times.

Gillian Lindsay was a manager for the Glasgow Flight Centre until she took redundancy last year. She is now managing a team of contract tracers.

Gillian said: "I went into the travel industry because I loved helping people.

"You really got to know your regular customers and making plans with them was part of the trip. If they were going to Australia to see family, you would get to know their grandkids' names.

"Being a contact tracer was so interesting - with all that was happening, it felt great to be able to make a difference while the world was upside down.

"People would pick up the phone so worried, so it was good to be able to put them at ease.

"Some people hang up, some don't believe the threat is real, but the majority of people are grateful for our advice."

Tomorrow we will hear from Keith Sivell, formally a pilot with Flybe.

Successful HEPMA pilot paves the way for GGC-wide rollout

HEPMA is a word you will be hearing much more of very soon.

It's a new digital system that will replace the paper drug chart (kardex) for inpatient areas across NHSGGC. Doctors and other prescribers will use HEPMA to prescribe medicines for inpatients and nurses will use it to carry out drug rounds and record the administration of medicines to patients.

HEPMA has already been rolled out successfully to five wards in the QEUH - 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D and ARU1.

Dr Alastair Bishop said: "Feedback suggests that both nurses and doctors find the system easy to use and they get to grips with it quickly. Immediate benefits include legibility, clinical decision support and streamlined drug administration rounds. Up to 10 February, 10,000 prescriptions and 60,000 administrations had been carried out on the HEPMA system."

The success of the pilot was possible due to the engagement and enthusiasm of the clinical teams, working closely with the HEPMA Programme to ensure that users receive the support they need to get the most out of it.

The first three large sites to go live will be QEUH, GRI and Royal Alexandra Hospital. Rollout is targeted to begin in March/April and will include 330 wards and 115 theatre areas. It's estimated that it will take around 18 months to reach every area of the Board. Watch out for more information from a newly formed implementation group, your HEPMA newsletter, countdown posters and StaffNet.

Clinical staff will need to complete a concise eLearning package on LearnPro to be given access to the HEPMA system. The HEPMA Facilitator Team will provide support and supplemental training to staff "on the floor" in clinical areas as the rollout progresses.

If you have questions or suggestions please contact the team: nhsggc.hepma@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

Social Distancing Action Plan

To assist managers in applying the Guidance on Social Distancing and to capture the suite of documentation that has been issued in support of this, a [Managers Action Tool](#) has been developed. The tool includes links to relevant documentation, the action required and recurrence to assist managers by consolidating the information.

The tool is located on the [NHSGGC Social Distancing page](#) and will be periodically reviewed and communicated.

Information in relation to Social Distancing can be found [here](#). If you have any ideas to improve Social Distancing practice, please share with your line manager and email here: SDCommsGroup@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

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](#).

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