

Core brief

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EU Settlement Scheme – time is running out

If you're an EU citizen and were living in the UK by 31 December 2020, you must apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to remain in the UK, even if you have permanent residence. You may also need to apply for your children even if you have already applied for yourself.

There is support available on [HR Connect](#).

The deadline is 30 June 2021... so time is running out!

If you don't apply, you could lose your existing rights to live, work and access free healthcare in the UK.

EU citizens apply online today at www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme

Asymptomatic testing

Asymptomatic testing centres are open across Greater Glasgow and Clyde for everyone who does not have any COVID-19 symptoms to be tested.

People with COVID-19, may not have symptoms of the virus or they can be so mild or unusual that they go unrecognised. Without knowing it, you could be spreading the virus to your loved ones, work colleagues or the wider community.

Staff who are not included in Lateral Flow testing and are not experiencing COVID-19 symptoms can be tested through these community walk in test sites.

Each centre works on a drop-in basis, with no appointment necessary, so if you or family member or friend would like to be tested, please go along to the centre nearest your home or work and get a test. You can also go along and be tested regularly if you wish to.

The sites are located in the following locations:

East Dunbartonshire

Auchinairn Early Learning and Community Centre, Beech Road, Auchinairn

East Renfrewshire

Cowan 7s Pavilion, Aurs Rd, Barrhead

Glasgow City

Glasgow Central Mosque, 1 Mosque Avenue, Glasgow
Govanhill Neighbourhood Centre, 6 Daisy St, Glasgow

Inverclyde

Gamble Halls, 44 Shore Street, Gourock

West Dunbartonshire

Clydebank East Community Centre, Fleming Avenue, Clydebank
Levenvalley Enterprise Centre, Castlehill Road, Dumbarton

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Renal Transplant Coordinators and Nurses Highly Commended

Congratulations to our Renal Transplant Coordinators and Nurses who have won a Highly Commended Award in the 'Excellence in Delivering Patient Care' category in the 2021 Excellence Awards in Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation.

The team were nominated by their surgical and nephrology colleagues for their adaptability, willingness, innovation and teamwork to maintain renal transplantation throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Explaining their role to the judges their colleagues commented: "In uncertain and stressful times, the nurses were meticulous in their care of patients who were isolated from their families in hospital and we went on to perform 100 transplants between March and the start of December 2020 including 25 living donor transplants, with no cases of nosocomial coronavirus infection despite the highest prevalence of COVID-19 infection in Scotland in both the Glasgow community and the QEUH.

"This all took place in the context of huge pressure on staff because of sickness absences that included cases of COVID-19 amongst unit nurses, COVID-19 related absence due to self-isolation and childcare. The remaining nurses stepped forward to fill these absences by taking on extra shifts. Their willingness to listen and adapt and share their ideas and work incredibly hard to deliver ongoing care for our renal patients has been outstanding."

Well done to the team!

Working from Home

In line with Scottish Government guidance and ongoing NHSGGC arrangements, where possible, if staff members are able to perform their job from home, then arrangements should be made to do this.

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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