

Core brief

**Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive
(12 March 2021, 5.05pm)**

I feel it is important to begin with a hugely important milestone that has been achieved on our COVID vaccination programme. I'm really pleased to let you know that NHSGGC vaccinators have now administered more than 400,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. This means that around 370,000 people have received their first dose and 30,000 have received their follow-up second dose.

This means that we have now fully vaccinated over 90 percent of elderly care home residents in Greater Glasgow and Clyde as well as a significant proportion are our colleagues in front line positions. I would like to thank every one of you who has come forward to be vaccinated.

I also would like to thank our staff members who took part in a [video](#) to encourage more people from our BAME communities to receive the COVID vaccine. Several members of staff took selfie videos of themselves receiving their vaccination as a means to encourage uptake and to dispel some of the myths surrounding the vaccine itself. We know that our BAME communities were particularly hard hit through the pandemic, so I hope that the video will inspire more people to take the vaccine when offered.

Finally, the first anniversary of the first lockdown is almost upon us. Reflecting on the past year, I feel this has been one of the most challenging of my career. I have no doubt this is also the case for the vast majority of our staff. It has been a very long 12 months. There has been much heartache, exhaustion and sacrifice. But, there has also been much camaraderie, thanks and very worthy praise for the exceptional care and support you have given.

I have, over these months, been humbled on many occasions by our teams. Your work ethic, your determination and your compassion. I thank you all for your continued commitment to the NHS, your patients and their loved ones.

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