

Core brief

Daily update

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Message from Health and Safety – Ventilation and air conditioning during COVID-19

Good ventilation can help reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19. Where no mechanical ventilation is provided, natural ventilation can be gained through opening windows doors or vents (remember that fire doors should never be propped open).

Work areas without mechanical ventilation should be aired as often as possible. Remember:

- Identify poorly ventilated areas within your department (look for areas where there is no mechanical ventilation or no natural ventilation, such as opening windows and vents etc)
- Check that any mechanical ventilation is working correctly (liaise with Estates and Facilities)
- Identify areas that feel “stuffy” or have a strong odour
- Certain Units/Wards may require specialist input regarding specific information/guidance on required “air changes” within an area (liaise with Infection Control)
- Check that ventilation grilles are clean and free from dust and debris.

If you have any concerns regarding the functioning of ventilation or air conditioning within your work area, please forward your concern to: Corporate.Compliance@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.

The use of fans within clinical areas should continue to follow the [guidance](#) previously issued by Health Protection Scotland.

Your local Health and Safety Practitioner is also available to talk through any issues regarding ventilation within the workplace where required.

Whistleblowing Standards link

We had a technical issue with a broken link in Core Brief – 01 April 2021. Apologies for any inconvenience caused – please [click here](#) to access the new Whistleblowing Standards.

Clyde Tunnel – Pedestrian and Cycle route

We have been advised by Glasgow City Council that the southbound cycle/pedestrian route of the Clyde Tunnel is closed for maintenance until further notice. The northbound cycle/pedestrian tunnel remains open for travel in both directions.



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

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