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This morning the Chairman and I had great pleasure in welcoming the First Minister of Scotland, Nicola Sturgeon, and new Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport, Jeane Freeman, to the Royal Hospital for Children for one of two national events being held to celebrate this important day.

In front of an audience of staff, four of our younger colleagues - nurses, Sam Paterson and Victoria Maitland, and Modern Apprentices, Ben Twaddle and Katie McCullogh – talked about their pride in working for the NHS. Dr Alyson Walker also presented her inspirational video “Incredible every day”.

We were also delighted to be joined by young patient, Joseph Logan, and his family to hear his touching account of the high quality care he has received from the hospital.

The dedication and compassion shown by the four new recruits is evident right across our organisation and so, on this day of celebration and commemoration, I wanted to write to thank you all for the contribution that you make every day towards the care of our patients.

I hope that you have also been enjoying today and been able to take part in the local celebrations that have been taking place right across the organisation.

Keep an eye out for all the photos from the day’s celebrations on twitter @nhsggc, Facebook and our website.

Scottish Government release on 70th Anniversary

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon has reasserted a commitment to an NHS free at the point of need, as she celebrated the 70th anniversary with patients and staff in Glasgow.

The First Minister was joined by Health Secretary Jeane Freeman at the Royal Hospital for Children in Glasgow. They took part in 1940s games with children in the hospital’s atrium before meeting patients, family members and staff on the wards. Click here to read the full release.