Daily COVID-19 update  
(21 April 2020, 5.50pm)

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Preventing skin damage under PPE

Please find attached guidance issued today by HPS on helping prevent facial skin damage beneath personal protective equipment.  Click here to access.

Interim Board meeting

The second meeting of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde’s Interim Board took place today, 21 April 2020. The Interim Board was set up to give necessary assurance and oversight of the functions of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde during the ongoing public health emergency.

Today the Interim Board focussed on its role in overseeing actions being taken within the Board in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. In addition to a report on the ongoing actions being taken, the Board received a report on risk management focussed on the outbreak and updates on work being undertaken through the Area Partnership Forum and the Area Clinical Forum to inform and support the Board.

Aerosol Generating Procedures – poster

Guidance on procedures that are currently considered to be potentially infectious Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGPs) for COVID-19 is now available here. This guidance is currently being printed and will be circulated to all acute sites.

Person-centred virtual visiting

A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) has been produced for person-centred virtual visiting alongside how-to-guides for staff, patients and relatives.

Produced by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Communications
This guidance has been developed in collaboration with eHealth, Information Governance, Infection Control, the Equalities and Human Rights Team, Knowledge Services and wards who have innovated this approach.

The SOP and how-to-guides will be uploaded to each of the devices for ease of access. Click here to access the new guidance.

We have received numerous generous donations of iPads to support person-centred virtual visiting and other communication processes which are greatly appreciated. This, in addition to the purchase of 300 devices with endowment funds, now means we have an ample supply of iPads across all of our wards/sites. Before you agree to the donation of an iPad, please contact eHealth to ensure it complies with our policies.

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.