**Testing of Asymptomatic Staff**

The Scottish Government have introduced additional measures to ensure that we continue to provide as safe an environment as possible for our patients and staff through minimising the risk of infection from COVID-19.

From 8 July 2020 we will be undertaking weekly testing for asymptomatic healthcare staff in areas where we are caring for vulnerable patients. This is for those working in specialist oncology and day patient wards including radiotherapy, long term care of the elderly wards, and long term care wards in mental health facilities. Testing will include all staff who are physically present on the ward.

Samples will be collected by relevant colleagues in each area and sent off for testing. Your manager will make arrangements for this to take place and advise you accordingly.

The diagram below sets out the testing process:

![Testing Process Diagram]

- **Weekly Test for Asymptomatic Staff**
- **Staff Member Tested**
- **Results issued to Staff Member by Text**
- **Inform Manager of Results**
- **Result = Negative for COVID-19**
  - No further action, continue to work.
  - Manager to support with arrangements to get home, avoiding public transport etc.
- **Result = Positive for COVID-19**
  - Self isolate for 7 days (COVID-19 Special Leave applied).
  - Household to self isolate for 14 days.
  - If symptomatic, follow guidance on NHS Inform.
If you test positive you will also be contacted by the Test and Protect service, who will forward your details to Occupational Health for further assessment. If you have already had a positive test for COVID-19 then you do not need to be tested.

It is requested that staff in these vulnerable areas participate in the weekly testing programme, ensuring that we meet our professional standards in placing public protection at the heart of what we do, and that patient safety and confidence is maintained. If you have any questions or concerns about the testing programme you can speak to your Line Manager or Occupational Health team on 0141 201 0594.

Click here for further information on Asymptomatic Testing for Staff.

Further information is available on: www.nhsggc.org.uk/covid19.

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.

It’s important to maintain the social distancing rule. Respect personal space and keep 2 metres apart.

It is important to share Core Brief with colleagues who do not have access to a computer. A full archive of printable PDFs are available on StaffNet.