Introduction of Reusable Respirators

PPE is one of the key measures to protect staff and patients from infection.

Supplies of PPE remain good with the exception of two named respirators, the Alpha Solway Small and the 3M 8833 masks. These are FFP3 masks used when an aerosol generating procedure is undertaken. We continue to have supplies of alternatives and are working with National Procurement to identify more options. Staff should ensure that they have had a Fit Test for one of these products.

Since May we have been issuing the Alpha Solway Small and 3M8833 only on a named person basis. There are some staff who have also failed to fit any of FFP3 masks available. For these staff, following discussion with Infection Prevention and Control, Occupational Health and Safety and Staff-side partners, we will be introducing reusable respirators in accordance with Health and Safety Executive guidance.

Detailed guidance will be available to those staff affected by this.

Staff must not participate in any aerosol generating procedures (AGPs) or enter a high risk area where these procedures are being undertaken unless they have a suitable respirator.

Life on the Frontline

On the latest of our Life on the Frontline series, we hear from Fiona Smith, District Charge Nurse, within Adult Community Nursing, based in Port Glasgow Health Centre.

We hope that you are enjoying these personal accounts of life on the frontline during the pandemic. If you would to feature in one of the videos and tell us about how you and colleagues have been affected, then please get in touch (staffnewsletter@ggc.scot.nhs.uk).
Car park reminder

This is a reminder that managed car parking services will be reinstated from tomorrow, Tuesday 11 August.

From tomorrow, controlled parking arrangements on the sites listed below will resume and staff should park in designated parking areas only.

The sites covered by managed car parking arrangements are:
- Gartnavel Hospitals Campus
- Glasgow Royal Infirmary Campus
- Queen Elizabeth University Hospital and Royal Hospital for Children Campus
- Royal Alexandra Hospital Campus
- Stobhill Ambulatory Care Hospital and Mental Health Units Campus
- Victoria Ambulatory Care Hospital
- West Glasgow Ambulatory Care Hospital

You should only park in ‘permit only’ areas if you have a valid current permit and this is displayed. Staff without permits are asked to park only in “staff non-permit” designated areas on each campus and must refrain from parking in patient and visitor areas.

Contracted car parking services staff will be deployed as normal on each site during core hours to deter any inappropriate parking which can lead to safety issues.

Free parking will continue in the multi-storey car park at Glasgow Royal Infirmary until 30 September.

Public transport information/timetables are available from www.travelinescotland.com/coronavirus. Travel planning, and alternative and active transport information is available from the Travel Plan Department page on StaffNet or by emailing travelplanoffice@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

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.