COVID-19 staff vaccination programme

Following our first week of offering COVID vaccination to almost 3000 frontline staff a further 12000 appointments will be offered this week and plans are being developed for the week before Christmas.

Plans can only be finalised as confirmation of vaccine delivery is received and we thank all staff for their patience.

In line with national priorities staff will be called forward in the following order.

Patient facing staff includes all staff groups such as AHPs, porters and admin staff based in these areas.

Most staff will be contacted by their line manager and advised of their appointment – if you have not been contacted then we are not yet in a position to offer you vaccination.

If you are in one of the Priority 3 groups – we may not hold that information, please contact your line manager and ask them to arrange an appointment for you.

**Priority 1** Patient facing staff in the following groups

Staff and residents in care homes for older adults

Hospital staff based in COVID red wards and COVID Assessment Units

Community Assessment Centres and GP out of hours

Emergency Departments

Emergency Dental services

**Priority 2** Patient facing staff in the following groups

Staff currently being tested each week – those based in mental health, cancer services, renal transplant, long stay older people

District Nursing

Palliative care
Hospices

**Priority 3** all staff and contractors in the following groups

- Over the age of 65
- In Clinically Vulnerable Groups
- From a Black and Minority Ethnic group

Healthcare staff in other settings including community pharmacy, dentistry, optometry and general practice will be next to be called forward.

Social care staff will be called forward as indicated by the national priority framework.

GenOMICC first report

During the pandemic, staff from within NHSGGC have worked tirelessly to recruit patients into COVID-19 related research studies. One such example is the GenOMICC study which was published last week in the journal, Nature: [https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-020-03065-y](https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-020-03065-y)

Critical care and CRF staff from the RAH, GRI and QEUH have recruited 164 patients to this study which has discovered four human genetic variants which are strongly associated with critical illness. These findings will allow us to focus on developing several therapeutic targets which may make people less likely to develop life threatening COVID-19.

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**Social distancing is everyone’s responsibility**

*Don’t encroach on your colleagues desk area, maintain social distancing when talking*

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Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at: [www.nhsggc.org.uk/covid19](http://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.

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