Daily update  
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Changes to LFT kits

The Lateral Flow Test kits you use twice weekly to help us stop the spread of COVID-19 will soon start to look slightly different.

From 29 November you will notice the large pack of 25 tests move to smaller units of four packs of seven tests, as we begin to use a new supplier (Orient Gene).

If you still have some of the current (Innova) LFT kits, please continue to use these and report your results via NSS Online Portal to help us identify any outbreaks, while keeping each other safe.

For further information visit: NHSGGC LFT Webpages.

Amended video link

In yesterday’s Core Brief the link to Jason Leitch’s video was inaccessible for some staff. Please use the following amended link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OWjDjQf06pM. Apologies for any inconvenience.
Carers Rights Day 2021 – 25 November 2021

Even before the pandemic we knew that almost half of our workforce provided some type of informal care outside of work. As the months go by we know that more and more people are finding themselves supporting friends and family. It could be physical or emotional support, ranging from small tasks like picking up the shopping to providing round the clock care for someone.

This Carers Rights Day (Thursday 25 November) we would like to firstly say a massive thank you for all the amazing work you do, but also remind everyone of the support that is available for carers themselves.

If you think you may know someone who is providing additional support to others, or you think you might be a carer to find details of local centres on our website or call 0141 353 6504. Staff can also visit the HR Connect pages to find out about our Carers Leave Policy.

As staff we also have a responsibility to ensure carers are identified, involved and supported. This includes a legal obligation to involve carers in discharge planning. Staff can refer carers to their local support services by calling 0141 353 6504 and giving details of the carer’s name, postcode and contact number. Please make sure you have permission before making a referral. For more information and resources please visit the Carers Information pages on the NHSGGC website.

Keep up to date with all the developments by following the NHSGGC Carer Twitter account or Facebook page.

16 days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence

The annual 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign starts on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until 10 December, Human Rights Day.

2021 also marks the 30th anniversary of this global campaign, which is used worldwide to call for the elimination of gender-based violence (GBV).

The prevention of GBV and the care of people experiencing it is a key priority within NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.
Local services are supporting the 16 Days campaign with a range of activities, including awareness raising, online events and drop-ins.

For more information on events, activities and the campaign, go to our 16 Days web page.

**Health and Safety – COVID-19 Key Safety Theme: Good Hygiene**

Good hand hygiene is an essential part of staying COVID-19 safe. Please remember to wash your hands regularly. Avoid touching your face and use soap and water or alcohol based hand rub for a minimum of 20 seconds.

Here is the link to the National Manual Hand Hygiene video: [https://youtu.be/-boVsHgDDOc](https://youtu.be/-boVsHgDDOc)

Good hygiene also includes maintaining a clean working environment and focussing on shared equipment – such as patient equipment, computer keyboards and telephones. Ensure protocols are in place so that high touch points are cleaned regularly including door handles and screens.

Information in relation to Physical Distancing can be found here. If you have any ideas to improve Physical Distancing practice, please share with your line manager and email here: SDCommsGroup@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

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: HR.Support@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.

***Staff are reminded to make sure their personal contact details are up to date on eESS.***