For ease of access, please print and leave in staff areas for colleagues.

All Speed Reads are available on intranet in Covid Base or on the external site here

Staff Helplines – Updated location

We have a number of helplines and support options available for staff. You can find this information on the NHS Lothian Staff page for COVID-19.

Important Information

LGBT+ Staff and Allies Network Virtual Coffee Catch-up

Join the LGBT+ Staff and Allies Network on Teams for a virtual catch-up Friday 19 June at 11am! If you are able to, and feel comfortable to do so, please join us via the Microsoft Teams link. All are welcome. Please bring your own coffee and biscuits!

There are no other new items today – please see reminder section below for updates from yesterday.

If you have information that you would like to be considered for the Speed Read please send it to lothian.communications@nhs.net by 3.30pm each day. Please ensure that your service is content with information before sending.

Staff Health

Recurring Staff health information

The current Staff Health and Wellbeing information can be found on NHS Lothian website by clicking here: https://staff.nhslotian.scot/COVID-19/Pages/NHS-Lothian-Staff-Wellbeing.aspx

A Reminder

RHCYP & DCN Update

Today we formally announced news that a number of our children’s outpatient services, alongside the
remaining DCN services are both scheduled to move to the new building at the Little France site in July.

The press release we issued in relation to this announcement is available to read on the intranet and internet.

Today, we also published the latest RHCYP & DCN newsletter which includes more detail on today's announcement, as well as a range of content celebrating the completion of the first phase of the DCN move. This is also available to read on the intranet.

**Annual leave**

Updated national guidance has now been issued regarding annual leave for the leave year 2020/21. For the annual leave year 2020/21, employers and employees need to ensure that staff have access to their full annual leave entitlement. The normal processes for allocating and requesting annual leave should apply. Annual leave requests should now be planned for the remainder of 2020/21. As the primary aim of annual leave is rest and recuperation staff are expected to take their full annual leave entitlement for 2020/21. There is no facility for staff to request payment for untaken annual leave from 2020/21 and the standard rules on the carry forward of leave apply.

**Monitoring Absence**

Two additional classifications have been added to SSTs for COVID-related matters:

For classification of additional hours, the following reason identifier has been added - Coronavirus Test and Protect

A new additional absence reason as also been added under Special Leave for use where a member of staff has been contacted by the Test and Protect Team to inform them they should isolate - SP Coronavirus - Test and Protect Isolation

All other categories covering absence remain in place. For clarity, the special leave classifications should only be used for those staff who are not able to work from home. Those staff who continue or are able to work from home, do not require to be recorded.

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**Validated Statistics as at 1400**

There have been 220,198 people in Scotland who have been tested for COVID-19. Of these -

- 202,121 confirmed negative
- 18,077 positive
- 2,464 patients who tested positive, have sadly died.

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**Important Reminders**

You can now find useful links for the latest guidance and information on the COVID-19 Base on the intranet above the daily Speed Reads.

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If you have any communication related questions please email: lothian.communications@nhs.net