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

Race and Ethnicity in NHS Lothian

The Executive Team has been taking time to reflect on matters of race and ethnicity.

As the biggest employer in Edinburgh, with more than 1000 Black and ethnic minority staff, we want to reassure you we are fully committed to equality, diversity and providing a safe working environment.

Evidence continues to emerge that people from Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) backgrounds are being disproportionately affected by COVID-19, making this a particularly anxious time for BME staff, volunteers and patients.

At the two recent Staff Network meetings we heard loud and clear from more than 80 BME staff. We also received messages of genuine concern and solidarity from non BME staff who conveyed their thoughts on the subject.

We see the BME Staff Network as the cornerstone in developing our Race Equality Action Plan. We want to base our approach on the voices of our staff members.

As we move forward, it will be more important than ever to address the inequalities in society and in our organisation which lead to unequal health outcomes, and be part of the movement to end racism.

Click here to find out what we’re doing to respond to specific asks from the BME staff network meetings.

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.nhslothian.scot/COVID-19/Pages/NHS-Lothian-Staff-Wellbeing.aspx

A Reminder

This Section contains previously issued important information, which is unchanged

Upcoming Webinar on Environmental Sustainability and Covid-19

Speakers from NHS Lothian, Medact Scotland and the University of Edinburgh will discuss the climate crisis, NHS Lothian's sustainability work and the connections with the current pandemic. Chaired by Mr Martin Hill, Vice chair of NHS Lothian Board. For more information go to the intranet events page

'The New Normal': Environmental Sustainability and Covid-19; Reflecting and Rebuilding in NHS Lothian, takes place Thursday 9th July 12:30 - 13:30. Access via teams: Meeting Link

Marie Curie Hospice – Changes to Visiting

The Marie Curie Hospice, Edinburgh have updated their visiting guidance to allow some visiting in exceptional circumstances while observing strict conditions in the interest of infection control. More information is available on the COVID-19 hub on the intranet.


Dr Andrew Watson will provide an insight into how presentations with psychiatric illness has changed as a result of COVID 19. More details about the Grand Rounds are available on the MED site. You can access the Grand Round via Microsoft Teams.

Validated Statistics as at 1400

260,336 people in Scotland have been tested for COVID-19

- 242,085 confirmed negative
- 18,251 positive

2,485 patients who tested positive have sadly died.

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