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

How are you doing? – Children and Coronavirus

How are our children doing? This is the question being explored by Children’s Parliament. Since the start of the lockdown children aged 8 to 14 have been asked to take part in a monthly wellbeing survey called How are you doing? If you are a parent, carer or other family member we would really appreciate your help in encouraging children to get involved and have their say. Children will find our June survey here bit.ly/Coronavirus_Kids

Biomedical Science Day – 11 June 2020

The Biomedical Science laboratory team at the Western General are running a quiz to raise awareness of the profession for Biomedical Science Day. The day aims to highlight the work of biomedical scientists, support workers and clinical scientists working 24/7 in hospitals.

It’s not your everyday quiz as you will see and you’ll definitely need to draw on the grey matter, unless you have experience in biomedical science.

To participate in the quiz you can work in teams (no more than four people) and should return your answers to steven.swanson@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk or emma-jayne.mcelhinney@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk. Remember to put your names (team name) and location details on the sheet and return your answers by 19 June.

Answers and winners will be announced on 26 June with a prize for the winning team. You can access the quiz here
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 –

Infection Prevention & Control and PPE Intranet Pages

The COVID-19 Base intranet pages for Infection Prevention and Control and PPE have been redesigned. All relevant information that has been communicated via Speed Read over the last 13 weeks has been reviewed and the most up-to-date information is now organised into different sub-pages.

This includes the overall PPE Framework, PPE Guidance (based on Public Health England/Health Protection Scotland guidance), specific guidance relating to types of PPE equipment, PPE training resources, staff advice on skin care, support for patients, PPE distribution routes and FAQs on infection prevention and control. This information is available through the following link: http://intranet.lothian.scot.nhs.uk/COVID-19/InfectionControlInformation/Pages/default.aspx

Updated guidance - Medical Certificates of Cause of Death

Please note that there is updated guidance for completing and issuing of Medical Certificates of Cause of Death (MCCD) during COVID-19, which relates to all hospital in-patient deaths only. The following documents reflect the recent updated guidance from Scottish Government and are available via Policy Online or through the following links:

- Guidance for Completing and Issuing MCCD’s for all In-Patient Deaths during COVID-19 (Version 4) Completing and Issuing MCCD
- Updated Death Registration Form (version 4) Updated DRF

The supplementary guidance for the Deaths In Hospital Policy and Procedures has also been updated and is available via Policy Online or through the following link:

- Updated Supplementary Guidance during COVID-19 for Deaths In Hospital Policy and Procedures (Version 2) Updated Supplementary Guidance - DIHPP

Validated Statistics as at 1400

A total of 130,104 people in Scotland have been tested through NHS labs to date. Of these:

- 114,439 were confirmed negative
- 15,665 were positive
- 2,434 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