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

Remobilisation and Ward Reconfiguration

Infection Prevention and Control are receiving a high number of requests to review reconfigurations in services and departments as part of remobilisation plans. The COVID-19 SMG Gold Group has agreed that there needs to be an organisational approach to this, as there are multiple aspects to be considered wider than infection prevention and control e.g. capacity, flow, workforce planning, estates, environment, client group, shielding, red and green pathways etc.

In order to support departments, the Tactical Group chaired by Colin Briggs is coordinating development of guidance for services to support a systematic approach inclusive of all aspects. It is recognised one size doesn’t fit all, but it will have principles which can be adapted for the type of area/service.

Infection Prevention and Control continue to prioritise pandemic and outbreak management and with limited resources available, ask departments to consider a hold on requests, until the guidance is available.

NHS Lothian Grand Round – COVID-19 and Haematological Issues

Wednesday 27 May 12.30-13.30

Dr Julia Anderson and Dr Chris Mullen will discuss haematological issues encountered with COVID-19. This will include coagulopathies and other manifestations. More details about the Grand Rounds are available on the MED site. You can access the Grand Round via Microsoft Teams.

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](https://staff.nhslothian.scot/COVID-19/Pages/NHS-Lothian-Staff-Wellbeing.aspx)

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**A Reminder**

**This Section contains previously issued important information, which is unchanged –**

**NHS Lothian To Play Vital Role in Covid-19 Vaccine Trial**

NHS Lothian, in collaboration with Oxford University, is involved in a major clinical vaccine trial to test the new Covid-19 vaccine. The vaccine study will run at both the Western General Hospital and the Royal Infirmary. The aim is to enrol approximately 600 volunteers from Lothian frontline health and social care workers to test a new vaccine.

For more information visit: [https://www.covid19vaccinetrial.co.uk/participate-edinburgh](https://www.covid19vaccinetrial.co.uk/participate-edinburgh)

**Infection Prevention and Control Guidance – Update**

**Use of Electric Fans**

Electric fans (desk fans, free standing fans) should not be used under any circumstances in clinical areas at this time. This is because fans will increase and extend dispersal of respiratory droplets throughout the clinical area and may increase a risk to both staff and patients of COVID 19 infection.

Similarly, we would advise against the use of electric fans in non-clinical areas (e.g. offices) at this time, and in particular, in shared offices where staff are able to maintain two metre physical distancing and are not wearing fluid resistant surgical face masks.

**Aerosol Generating Procedures**

Staff should continue to wear FFP3 for all aerosol generating procedures (AGP) in all patients in all care settings, irrespective of their current infection status. This includes all patients who have been confirmed as COVID-19 positive, and have had two or more negative samples and are making a good clinical recovery.

**Online Resource for Parents and Carers**

The Scottish Government has announced that all families in Scotland will have free access to the Solihull Online resource for parents and carers from the antenatal period to 19 years. Solihull Online offers a series of modules containing interactive activities, quizzes and video clips. To access the free courses, families need to use the access code TARTAN at - [https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/](https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/)

Further well-being and mental health information for parents, as well as children and young people is available on the NHS Lothian CAMHS website: [https://services.nhslothian.scot/camhs/Resources/Pages/Online-Resources.aspx](https://services.nhslothian.scot/camhs/Resources/Pages/Online-Resources.aspx)

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**Validated Statistics as at 1400**
A total of 103,508 people in Scotland have been tested. Of these:

- 88,352 were confirmed negative
- 15,156 were confirmed positive
- 2,273 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