**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](https://intranet.lothian.scot.nhs.uk/COVID-19).

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**Important Information**

### 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](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](https://policyonline.nhs.scot/COVID-19/DeathsInHospitalPolicy/DeathRegistrationForm/NewVersion)
- Updated DRF [Updated DRF](https://policyonline.nhs.scot/COVID-19/DeathsInHospitalPolicy/DeathRegistrationForm/NewVersion)

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](https://policyonline.nhs.scot/COVID-19/DeathsInHospitalPolicy/NewVersion)
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 –

Annual Leave and Quarantine Requirements – Reminder

The Scottish Government have now issued their general guidance to the public on the need for self isolation when arriving from abroad. The exemption for registered healthcare staff does not apply in Scotland, therefore all staff will require to self isolate for 14 days. We have yet to receive the national position which will apply to staff who are required to self isolate. Staff should be aware, however, that the current UK Government advice remains to only travel abroad for essential purposes only.

In the meantime, if staff decide to travel or book travel abroad for the coming months, they need to factor in the additional leave required for the period of self isolation whilst this requirement remains in place. Services may not be in a position to grant extensive leave to cover the annual leave and self isolation period due to service demand and the need to accommodate leave requests from other staff. As always, staff are therefore advised to check with their managers before making any bookings.

Recruitment – Reminder

Managers are reminded that only essential face-to-face meetings should be taking place and only essential travel is allowed, therefore interviews should be conducted using video conferencing. The recruitment team are able to provide guidance on how to take this forward.

Grand Round - Wednesday 10 June - Reminder

The next Grand Round - entitled ‘Cancer and COVID-19’ - takes place on Wednesday 10 June from 12.30pm to 1.30pm. Its theme is national and local perspectives on managing cancer patients in the time of COVID-19. To access the event, you must be signed up to Microsoft TEAMS through your NHS log in, then follow this link: Link for Grand Round If you have questions about this event, or suggestions for topics for future ones, please email GrandRound@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk.

National Carers Week (8-14 June) – Making Caring Visible - Reminder

During Carers Week 2020, The Integrated Carers Team within the Edinburgh Health and Social care Partnership is inviting health and care services, schools, employers and businesses across the community to recognise the vital contribution made by unpaid carers in Edinburgh.

The Edinburgh Carer Support Team is available to give information, emotional support and practical advice to carers. Support will be given at the present time either by telephone or via Near Me appointments and carers
can be connected to relevant third sector organisations who can offer a wealth of opportunities to carers. To connect with the service please call 0131-536-3371 or e-mail carer.support@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk

Specific information for carers during the COVID-19 pandemic is available here, and a VLOG explaining carer services in Edinburgh are still open can be viewed here. For Carers in the Lothians, Young Carers and Carers from Minority Ethnic Backgrounds, resources are available here.

**Validated Statistics as at 1400**
A total of 128,495 people in Scotland have been tested through NHS labs to date. Of these:

- 112,842 were confirmed negative
- 15,653 were positive
- 2,422 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