

Staff Briefing



Wash your hands regularly



Keep your distance



Wear a face covering



Download the app StopCOVID NI



Click [here](#) to find answers to your COVID-19 FAQs

Click [here](#) for the latest COVID Daily Update

Please print and share with colleagues

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Whistleblowing Awareness Month

Health and social care services exist to promote the health, wellbeing and dignity of patients and service users and the people who deliver these services want to do the best for those they serve. Encouraging staff to raise concerns openly as part of normal day-to-day practice is an important part of improving the quality of services and patient safety.

The importance of raising concerns at work in the public interest or 'whistleblowing' is recognised by employers, workers, trade union and the general public.

Staff can report things that are not right, are illegal or if anyone is neglecting their duties. This might include, for example, concerns around: patient safety; health and safety at work; environmental damage; or a criminal offence (e.g. fraud).

Want to know more? Read through the Trust's [Whistleblowing Policy here](#)

Your right to raise a concern

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It is important that we as a Trust support you if you feel the need to speak up

You can find out more information regarding this as well as who you can speak to for further advice in the Trust Whistleblowing Policy

Doing our Bit

Many people have found it more difficult to keep active during the pandemic with gyms closed and sports clubs not meeting. We've joined the #DoingOurBit movement – a free online fitness platform which offers an exclusive range of workouts.

Every workout has been donated by a qualified instructor for health and social care staff. Not only is the DoingOurBit platform an ideal way to get active, it carries no cost to staff.

To find out more [watch our video here](#) or by clicking the image. Staff can access #DoingOurBit by registering with their Belfast Trust email address on the [fit 4 the fight website](#)

