



Oral Health Directorate

COP26 Planning & Operational Group



Briefing Memo #3, 8th October 2021

The Oral Health Directorate has formed the OHD COP26 Planning and Operational Group to assess the impact of COP26 to the directorate. In the coming weeks, we will issue a regular briefing memo, highlighting information and guidance to staff and teams.

This weeks' issue focuses on key dates and events planned during COP26 and security.

Key Dates

23rd October: Road closures begin, including Clydeside expressway.

These restrictions will not affect ambulances, fire engines or the police when responding to an emergency. The road closures may change slightly during the conference but the most up-to-date information will always be available on www.getreadyglasgow.com

31st October: Main COP26 Conference begins, with the World Leaders being in Glasgow this first weekend, which may bring associated short term rolling closures or diversions.

1st November: There will be a COP26 related event which will require additional closures in the Kelvingrove and Finnieston areas and will limit accessibility. There will be no vehicle entry, or exit from, the affected area after 2pm until approximately 6am the following morning.

5th November: A procession associate with the Youth Day of Action is planned

6th November: This is expected to be the busiest weekend for protestors and visitors.

Climate Change March Saturday 6 November

More than 50,000 people are expected to take part in a march to highlight the climate change emergency and its impact on the planet's most vulnerable people. The march is on Saturday 6 November and has been organised by the COP26 Coalition, a UK based, civil society partnership campaigning for climate justice.

People taking part in the march will assemble at Kelvingrove Park and leave from there at 12.30pm. The march will end at Glasgow Green. So many people are expected to take part that the head of the march will reach Glasgow Green before the tail has even left Kelvingrove Park!

The proposed route is: Kelvingrove Park (potentially Kevin Way, Radnor Street), Argyle Street, St Vincent Street, Pitt Street, West George Street, Blythswood Square (South), West George Street, Nelson Mandela Place, West George Street, George Square (North), George Street, High Street, Trongate, Saltmarket and then enter Glasgow Green through the McLellan Arch.

It is also anticipated that there may be disruption as a result of activism/protests and dignitaries travelling to and from the event campus/other visits.



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It is not possible to predict when or where this will be, nor the extent to which it may occur. Any event like this will be managed in the same way as disruption caused by, for example, a burst water main, and traffic will be diverted or delayed.

Practices need to consider their contingency / continuity planning and either try to avoid busy times or build in additional time for essential travel.

You may wish to refer to the information document with the checklist previously circulated to assist with your planning.

Hundreds of free events at the Green Zone at the Glasgow Science Centre, 1-12 November

More than 200 free events are being hosted in the COP26 Green Zone at the Glasgow Science Centre between Monday 1 November and Friday 12 November. And everyone's invited!

The Green Zone, co-ordinated by the UK Government, brings together young people, indigenous leaders, businesses and grassroots communities who will showcase cultural performances, exhibitions, talks, film screenings and technical demonstrations to a global audience.

With over 100 exhibitors, 200 events and 11 sponsors taking over the space, there will be amazing opportunities to listen, learn and celebrate climate action.

Tickets are free to the public with most events also being streamed live on the COP26 YouTube channel so people across the UK and the globe can join in.

Check out the Green Zone programme [here](#) tickets will be available via the COP26 website from 11 October 2021.

If you can't get to the events in person, you can join virtually by subscribing to the COP26 YouTube channel.

COP26: Keeping your business moving

COP26 is going to cause disruption and congestion in the city. That's why a support package has been put together to help businesses plan for COP26.

Businesses will be able to get a variety of support including webinars, One-to-One Support and additional tools including maps and content/information to share with staff, visitors, customers and delivery/servicing partners.

Just go to the getreadyglasgow.com site to sign up and we'll get in touch with you. Details of events are also promoted via [@GetReadyGlasgow](#) on Twitter.



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COP 26 Policing Operation

As the countdown to COP26 gets closer, Police Scotland specialist officers are already on the streets of Glasgow. Police search teams have started securing and sealing venues ahead of the conference and other areas around Glasgow. Police search teams have a range of specialist skills to allow them to locate items that may cause harm to any person attending the conference or the wider public. Members of the public will continue to see an increased police presence as we get closer to the event and this will include officers from the mounted branch, dog unit, air support unit and the armed policing unit. To find out more about how these specialist resources will be used at COP26 visit the www.scotland.police.uk

Information

NHS GGC has set up a [COP26 information page](#), which contains information for staff and patients about getting ready for COP26. [Get Ready Glasgow](#) is the official website for the city's COP26 plans, and will be updated regularly with all of the latest information around road closures and travel restrictions.