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Why is the time right for a new national uniform?

NHSScotland staff work in challenging roles delivering a first-class service to the people of Scotland. Staff deserve a uniform that is fit for the demanding jobs they do. Currently there is no consistent use of uniforms across NHSScotland. In fact, our staff have been wearing over 250 different styles of tunic in more than 100 different colours. Apart from it not being cost effective to source so many different uniforms, it is also confusing for patients and the public in identifying staff by their role.

Who helped to decide on the new national uniform?

We listened to the needs of staff, patients and the public for a better quality, fit for purpose uniform in styles and colours that were consistent across NHSScotland. A six week consultation revealed an aspiration for a new uniform.

What makes the new national uniform better?

- The new uniform has been specially designed for NHSScotland
- A better quality uniform with an improved style and fit makes the uniform more appropriate for all manual handling needs of staff
- The short sleeved design will enable effective hand hygiene assisting in our fight against infection and cross-contamination
- A consistent use of styles, colours and shades will give NHSScotland the professional identity it deserves as well as helping our patients and the public identify the roles of staff
- We will save money by purchasing from one national supplier.

Introducing the New NHSScotland National Uniform

Catering/Domestic Supervisor
Dark green tunic or polo shirt, NHSScotland logo, navy blue trousers.

Non-clinical staff
Mid green tunic or polo shirt, NHSScotland logo. Ladies and gents tailored shirts and blouses may be worn by Admin & Clerical staff and Porters.

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What will the new national uniform look like and who will wear it?

The new uniform applies to all staff who are required to wear a uniform. It will consist of unisex tunics, polo shirts and navy blue trousers.

The uniform set is five shades of blue for clinical staff and two shades of green for non-clinical staff. Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professional (AHP) students will wear a silver-grey tunic with navy blue trousers.

Find out more about the new NHSScotland National Uniform at: www.scotland.gov.uk/nhsuniform