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Empowering ordinary people to  
meet extraordinary challenges

## ***What is Huntington's Disease?***

- A genetic, hereditary, neurological, disorder of the central nervous system
- It is an autosomal dominant gene so if you have the faulty gene you will develop the illness at some point in your life
- It affects males and females equally
- Every child born to a parent with the faulty gene has a 50% chance of inheriting the gene
- Average age of onset of the illness is between 30-50 but this can vary widely
- It causes physical, emotional and cognitive impairment in varying degrees for each individual
- There is no known cure for this illness

## ***Who are Scottish Huntington's Association?***

- A registered charity
- Community based Huntington's Disease service provision since 1989
- Has community based services throughout Scotland
- Promotes needs led services and has a user led focus
- Commissioned in partnership with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, and local authorities

## ***What service do we offer?***

The Glasgow and Clyde Service has four HD Specialists and aims to significantly improve the quality of lives of those living with Huntington's Disease (HD) and their families through timely specialist assessment, condition management, information, advice, advocacy and emotional support. The Glasgow and Clyde Service also provides practical help for those with HD, carers and family members with benefit maximisation, adaptations, equipment, and access to services.

The service works cohesively with the multi disciplinary teams in Health and Social Care across the whole of Glasgow and Clyde that support our families by providing specialist information, educational sessions, and case management support.

## ***Clinics***

### **Enroll-HD Research Clinic:**

Glasgow is an active site for this worldwide observational study open to HD families; it will monitor how the disease appears and changes over time in different people. The database will eventually include more than 20,000 participants and is designed to accelerate the discovery and development of new therapeutics for HD.

For further information: [www.enroll-hd.org](http://www.enroll-hd.org)

### ***HD Management Clinic***

Held every Tuesday between 9.30 and 12.30 in Laboratory Medicine Building, 1st Floor, Queen Elizabeth University Hospital  
1345 Govan Road  
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## ***Youth Service***

The Specialist Youth Advisor, Grant Walker, works with children and young people aged 8-25, living in families with HD, and provides one-to-one support, group work, advocacy and befriending. This service ensures accurate age appropriate information is given. The one-to-one support is essential to manage the daily challenges of living in a family with HD.

## ***Financial Wellbeing***

The Financial Wellbeing Officer, Melissa Higgins, provides specialist welfare rights advice including benefit checks, assistance with applications, disputes and appeals, money (debt) advice, and financial guidance on money matters such as planning for the future, power of attorney, pensions and life insurance. As well as responding to specific enquires, the aim is that all the clients of SHA will be offered a 'Financial Health Check'.

## ***Where do we see people?***

Wherever the person is most comfortable, either at the individual's home, or at another suitable venue.

## ***Who can refer to the Glasgow Service?***

The service has an open referral system. Direct referrals can be made from those affected, a family member or other third party referrals with consent. Please get in touch by phoning, writing or emailing the Glasgow and Clyde Team.

## ***Contact - Branch / Support Group Officer***

For information on support groups in:

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