

Tuesday 17 October 2023

Amber weather warning As shared earlier today, the Met Office have moved to an **amber** weather warning for Storm Babet later this week. From 6am on Thursday until 6pm on Friday, forecasters are warning of exceptionally wet conditions across Aberdeen city and a large part of Aberdeenshire. The rest of Aberdeenshire and most of Moray is covered by a yellow 'be aware' warning for rain for the same period, and there is also a yellow wind warning covering northern Scotland.

[Please ensure you have read the warning in full](#) and have planned in your teams for the potential impact such weather could have.

ADHD medications – supply issues Many of you will already be aware of the national supply issues with certain ADHD medications. [This update has been prepared with the Medicines Management team](#); if you have specific queries, you should contact your clinical team.

Essential maintenance - Swan Secure Web Access 6pm-10pm TONIGHT With apologies for the short notice, please be aware the Swan Secure Web Access service will be unavailable intermittently this evening. If you require access to NHS Grampian systems during these times an alternative means of access should be identified. This maintenance is essential to perform mandatory updates to maintain the stability and security of the environment.

This maintenance work does not impact on remote access from NHS Grampian devices (e.g., using AOVPN or Direct Access on a laptop).

Winter vaccinations – new staff clinics Due to high levels of demand, we are setting up extra staff vaccination clinics on Level 3, Yellow Zone, ARI. You can book your slot using the vaccine booking portal. As this area is also home to the very busy eye out-patients clinic, we must remind you to use the stairs (opposite M&S on the concourse) to get to your appointment. A full guide to all the upcoming staff clinics across Moray, Aberdeenshire, and Aberdeen City is attached to the email used to send out this brief. As well as these clinics, you can also book in at one of the eleven vaccination centres across Grampian: [Centres | Vax Grampian \(grampianvax.com\)](#)

The Aberdeen vaccination team will shortly begin visiting wards at ARI, Royal Cornhill, and Woodend to offer vaccination to in-patients. There may be opportunities for staff vaccination during these visits, but please bear in mind patients will be the priority. The vaccination team will liaise with wards directly.

We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has come forward already to get vaccinated; the response this year has been brilliant, and this is reflected in the need to arrange extra clinics.

Childhood vaccination programme – we want your views! Staying with all things vaccination, the team in Public Health are keen to gather feedback from the parents or carers of children, aged 6 years or under, on their experience of childhood vaccination. They've put together a survey, which will take about 10 minutes to complete, to understand how easy (or hard) it is to get children vaccinated and how confident people are in the programme. The survey is open until Sunday 19 November, you can find more information about it and complete it here: [Childhood Vaccination Survey 2023 \(nhsgrampian.org\)](https://nhsgrampian.org/childhood-vaccination-survey-2023) Please share this link widely.

International Infection Prevention & Control Week 2023 - cleaning and disinfection Cleaning visible dirt and debris off surfaces is an essential first step towards disinfection and sterilisation. However, it must be done safely, as mixing chemicals can be dangerous. Always follow manufacturer's directions when using cleaners or disinfectants and refer to their instructions before using any cleaning/disinfection device, to ensure it can be done properly for your setting.

Realistic medicine & Value based health & care conference We are delighted to share [the programme for the upcoming](#) NHS Grampian and NHS Orkney Realistic Medicine and Value Based Health and Care Conference taking place on Tuesday 28 November. This is a hybrid event with details on locations and how to register within the programme. The theme of the day is about giving you the opportunity to reflect on how you demonstrate [Realistic Medicine](#) and [Value Based Health and Care](#) in your work. We are also accepting posters until **14 November**, to give you the opportunity to share your amazing work. Please email gram.realisticmedicine@nhs.scot for a template or use one of your own shared to this email address also. Shared Decision Making is a core principle of Realistic Medicine and ahead of coming to the conference [we encourage you to have a look at the available Turas resources.](#)

ICYMI - Staff Equalities Network The network meets tomorrow, on Teams, between 2-3pm with a focus on British Sign Language (BSL). What is BSL? What are our responsibilities under the BSL (Scotland) Act? These questions will be answered, along with an opportunity to learn some simple signs. Contact gram.staffequalities@nhs.scot to request the joining details.

Upcoming R&D Seminar 'The importance of diversity in trials and other health research' with Prof Shaun Treweek, Professor of Health Services Research, UoA, will take place on Wednesday 1 November, 12-1pm, in the Health Sciences Building (HSB) Room 115, Foresterhill Site. Please email gram.randdtraining@nhs.scot to reserve your place.

Paediatric Physiotherapy advice line The Paediatric Physiotherapy service run a children and young person's advice line twice a week. This is available to anyone with questions or concerns about a child's mobility, any recovery from injury, or if the child is not hitting expected milestones. The line is open every Wednesday (1-3pm) and Friday (11am – 1pm) on 01224 559 877

Tune of the day June Tytler asks for a song to mark the end of Baby Loss Awareness Week, dedicated to all the babies who never got to stay – we present [Gone too Soon by Daughtry](#) (EP)

If you want to request a tune, follow up on items included in this brief, or suggest an item for sharing, drop us an email via gram.communications@nhs.scot