

Monday 23 October 2023

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**Weather update** Storm Babet has now left Grampian behind; thanks must go to all teams who have worked so hard over the previous days to keep services running. Disruption to deliveries is now minimal, however a section of the A90 between Brechin and Forfar remains closed in both directions. Our thoughts are with those directly impacted by the storm, as the clean-up operation gets underway in earnest.

**Jason Leitch to Join Ask Caroline Q&A** Next month colleagues you will have a golden opportunity to put your questions to Jason Leitch, NHS Scotland's National Clinical Director. Jason will join Chief Executive Caroline Hiscox for a special edition of our "Ask Caroline" Q&A during one of his visits to our area. What are your burning questions? Whether it's about healthcare, leadership, communication or the future of NHS Grampian, Jason wants to hear from you. Make sure to send your questions to [gram.communications@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot) by Wednesday 1 November.

**ARI Bed Base Review update** Estates work in Wards 303/304 will begin this week, in preparation for opening the additional bed capacity as part of the bed base review project. If you are currently operating out of this location, or you have equipment stored there, you should have had contact with either the project team or your management team. If you have not yet spoken with someone about relocating your staff or equipment, please contact Graeme Legge, [graeme.legge@nhs.scot](mailto:graeme.legge@nhs.scot) The area will be secured, and surplus equipment removed, in the coming days to enable the works to be completed and new equipment to be delivered.

**ICYMI - National transfusion recording – coming to Grampian on 20 November** The SNBTS Transfusion Team have developed a standardised National Transfusion Record (NTR) for the authorisation of blood component transfusion. This will replace the form currently in use, entitled '*Prescription and recording form for the transfusion of blood components*'.

Further information including how to complete the NTR can be [found on the dedicated NTR launch site](#) and [via this short information video](#). Additionally, SCNs will shortly receive information packs. Please make sure you have copies of the new record, ready to use from Monday 20 November. You can order them on PECOS using the following codes:

- NTDOC1-100 (100 copies)
- NTDOC1-500 (500 copies)
- NTDOC1-1000 (1000 copies)

The continuation sheet can be ordered using the following codes:

- NTDCOC1-100 (100 copies)
- NTDCOC1-500 (500 copies)
- NTDCOC1-1000 (1000 copies)

**Tiny Happy People** You may already be very familiar with this website, from the BBC, but did you know there's an expanded section for Health Visitors? There is a host of resources and helpful tools, put together with health visitors working across Scotland in mind. You can take a look for yourself here: [Scottish Health Visitors: Resources to refer parents to on Tiny Happy People - BBC Tiny Happy People](#)

**Nurses, Midwives & AHPs – new graduate welcome event** We will be holding a welcome event for new graduate nurses, midwives, and AHPs joining NHS Grampian on Wednesday 15 November. This will take place at Kings Community Church (old AECC), Bridge of Don, between 9am-2pm. All new graduate recruits are required to attend one of these events, which give you the opportunity to meet the senior leadership team and learn about initiatives like Flying Start. Please discuss attending with your line manager and [then book your place via Turas using this link](#) or searching 'NMAHP Welcome'

**Quality Improvement - Registration for Q Regional Event** Are you a member of the "Q" community – if so, then this is for you! Please find attached an invitation to register for an in-person Q Regional Collaboration Event, '[Working together to improve access to health and care services](#)' taking place on **Thursday 23 November, 11am-3pm** in Glasgow. Please note this event is for **Q members only**. If you wish to register to become a "Q" member the deadline is 5 November. Attendance must be supported and agreed to by your line manager.

**Pause for thought** What kind of appointment would you benefit from booking with yourself? What do you need to drop to ensure you keep that appointment?

**Tune of the day** Thanks to community mental health nurse Donald Carter, part of the team in Aberdeenshire South, for today's request. He's asked for [This Is The Day](#) by The The, dedicated to all his colleagues in recognition of their hard work (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](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot)