

Monday 27 March 2023

Financial year end A reminder to everyone we are approaching the financial year end. Guidance from the Finance team on the processes to be followed is here: [Pages - YearEndGuidance \(scot.nhs.uk\)](#) (intranet link, networked devices only).

COVID-19 vaccination and pregnancy We thought you would be interested in listening to this short BBC radio programme 'More or Less'. The programme focuses on statistics and ensuring they are used correctly; [this episode looks at claims about the COVID jab and miscarriage](#). COVID-19 immunisation will be offered to anyone who is pregnant in the upcoming Spring vaccination programme.

Vaccination Centres – changes to opening arrangements Staying with the Spring Booster, from today there are changes to the opening arrangements at many of the vaccination centres across Grampian. This is to allow teams to visit older adult care homes to deliver the programme. You can find the most up to date information on our dedicated vaccination website: [Vaccination Centres | Vax Grampian \(grampianvax.com\)](#)

Changes to Near Me post-call pop up patient survey We are replacing the current post-call pop up survey, inviting patients to anonymously give feedback on their Near Me video call. There are no changes being made to the questions, but the survey platform is moving from SNAP survey to MS Forms. Going forward, we hope to be able to share a quarterly summary of the patient feedback we receive.

Quality & Safety in Healthcare Event 2023 Registration for this year's event is now open; it will take place virtually on Wednesday 17 May. The theme is "Be Civil, Be Safe" and our 3 national speakers scheduled at the event are:

- Nippin Anand, a licensed Master Mariner, specialising in human factors and safety management
- Chris Turner, Consultant in Emergency Medicine at University Hospitals of Coventry and Warwickshire
- Fiona Robertson, Head Teacher of Perth Grammar School

[Please follow this link for more information and to register for this event.](#) We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Foresterhill sewing room Please be aware the Sewing Room will be **closed** for fittings and collection this Thursday and Friday (30 & 31 March) This is to allow the team to do a year-end stocktake. The sewing will reopen on Monday 3 April at 8am.

Return to Practice Return to Practice The Return to Practice course is for nurses, midwives, and those on the Specialist Community Public Health Nurse (SCPHN) register who have previously been registered with the NMC and wish to return to the profession. There are two information sessions coming up on Friday 14 April, as follows:

- 2pm – this session is for managers keen to understand more. [This Teams link](#) will take you directly into the meeting.
- 4pm – this session is for colleagues interested in undertaking the Return to Practice course. Contact gram.rtp@nhs.scot to be added to the link or get in touch if you have any further queries – the team are happy to help.

Pause for thought Spring is on its way - flowers are coming through and lambs are appearing in the fields. What puts a spring in your step?

National Hospital Radio Awards Congratulations to Ginny Irvine-Fortescue who picked up a Gold award for Best Female Presenter at the National Hospital Radio Awards this weekend, recognising her work as a volunteer on Grampian Hospital Radio. Grampian Hospital Radio has been broadcasting on the Foresterhill Site since 1981, offering a variety of programmes to meet the patient's listening needs. This includes a nightly request show from 7-9pm, you can email requests@ghr.org.uk, or message via the Grampian Hospital Radio App, or by calling 01224 552964. For more information about Grampian Hospital Radio their website is www.grampianhospitalradio.org

Tune of the day There's a great Irish saying; "for the day that's in it". Today's tune is for the day that's in it – [Eagles and New Kid in Town](#) (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