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**Please do not use WhatsApp for work** WhatsApp is not approved for use in NHS Grampian. It must never be used to send or receive patient or business confidential information between teams, to communicate with patients or within business processes. There are no exceptions. If you are using WhatsApp for work purposes, please contact Information Governance for support around next steps via [gram.infogovernance@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.infogovernance@nhs.scot) marking your email 'WhatsApp'.

**Historic Level 1 review notifications** We are aware there has been an issue affecting some historic Level 1 adverse event reviews within Datix. Following recent system changes to improve reporting functionality, some old reviews unintentionally reappeared on task lists and, in some cases, where the record was updated, automatic notifications were sent.

This issue has now been resolved, and staff should no longer be able to view historic events or receive notifications relating to them. We apologise for any inconvenience or concern caused and thank you for your patience while this issue was being resolved. If you have any specific queries or concerns related to this, please contact [gram.qiat@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.qiat@nhs.scot).

**New Airway Management category on Datix** Effective tomorrow (21 October) please use this new category for incidents involving patients with a tracheostomy or laryngectomy. The updated reporting process includes additional fields to record the type of airway event and any contributory factors, enabling more accurate reporting, trend analysis and organisational learning. The new category can be found within the existing 'Implementation of care or ongoing monitoring/review (inc. pressure ulcers)'. If you have any queries, please email [gram.surgicaleducators@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.surgicaleducators@nhs.scot)

**Reminder about Assistance Dogs** Assistance Dogs are generally permitted in our healthcare premises and must be welcomed respectfully as a reasonable adjustment under the Equality Act 2010, though access may be restricted in specific high-risk clinical areas. [Please follow this link to an ED toolbox talk](#) which aims to raise awareness on assistance dogs, infection control and patient safety while ensuring disabled people can access services with dignity and without discrimination. Remember, the assistance dogs are 'working' so please do not pet the dog or call their attention because they can be distracted in supporting their owners.

**Slings and slide sheets – important update** PECOS ordering arrangements for slings and slide sheets have changed under the National Framework, with product trials scheduled to take place over the coming weeks. A drop-in session for all staff will be held at the Suttie Centre, Room 206, this Thursday (22 October) to gather feedback on 4 reusable slide sheets available through the National Framework.

Liko (loop) and GO Clip (Lisclare) SPU slings are no longer available. Trials are currently underway for GBUK loop and Winnicare clip slings. The current contracted suppliers are:

- SPU clip slings: Arjo, GBUK and Mangar
- Reusable clip slings: Lisclare, Mangar and Silvalea

Liko repositioning sheets are no longer available under contract. Please use Arjo alternatives, including SPU and washable bariatric sheets (SWL 454 kg). GBUK washable/reusable slide sheets and MIP patient-specific slide sheets are no longer available under contract. You may continue to order GBUK patient-specific slide sheets at present. Once the trials have concluded, we will confirm the Manual Handling-approved codes to use for future orders.

**Understanding online influences on gender, identity and inclusion** Join the Staff Equalities Network tomorrow (Wednesday), from 2–3pm on Teams to welcome Katrina Murray, Project Worker with Cybersafe Scotland, to a session which will consider the growing influence of manosphere content, its wider societal impact, and why it matters for the experiences, attitudes and wellbeing of children and young people today. Participants will have the opportunity to develop their understanding of this increasingly important topic and reflect on its relevance for equality, inclusion and safeguarding. Please share with anyone you think would be interested to join and [for further information, including details of how to book you place, follow this link.](#)

**Tissue Viability Newsletter** Please [follow this link to the latest edition](#) of this team newsletter

**Recruitment and management of post-registration trainees** A Standard Operating Procedure has been developed to support the recruitment and management of post registration trainee health visitors, school nurses and district nurses. This is designed to provide guidance for colleagues within NHS Grampian who are involved in this work within Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Moray Health and Social Care Partnership areas. The document outlines procedures for a range of actions, enquiries and situations which may arise during the traineeship period. [Please follow this link to access the SOP.](#)

**NHS Grampian Charity** The NHS Grampian Charity can provide funding to support non-core projects and activities which enhance the health and wellbeing of our patients This could include enhancements to wards and waiting areas such as recliner chairs and folding beds for patients and visitors; activities to keep patients' spirits up such as toys, books and games; and advanced medical equipment over and above what the NHS is required to provide like vein finders, ambulatory ECG machines, and hoists and patient movement aids to increase the capacity of those already in your department. Remember: the charity cannot fund anything which the NHS has a statutory obligation to provide – they can only support projects and activities which enhance NHS core provision. Want to find out more about what they fund and how to apply? [Visit the charity's intranet site via this link to find out more.](#)

**Tune of the day** It's pharmacy technician day, so we want to shout out this skilled group of staff, working hard behind the scenes. With them around, we can be sure there is no [Bad Medicine](#) (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.dailybrief@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.dailybrief@nhs.scot)