

# Daily Brief...



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**Director Of Public Health** After three decades with NHS Grampian, nine as Director of Public Health, Susan Webb is leaving to join NHS Lothian as their new Director of Public Health & Health Policy. Susan takes up the role in July and the process to recruit a successor is now underway. In the meantime, Prof. Shantini Paranjothy, in her role as Deputy Director of Public Health, will undertake DPH duties until an appointment is made. We wish Susan all the best in her new role and thank her for her enormous contribution during her time with NHS Grampian.

**International Workers Memorial Day** This event takes place next Monday (28 April). It is an opportunity to remember those who died within their workplace and renew our commitment to make work safer for everyone. There will be a short time of reflection in the ARI Chapel (Level 2) from 11.50am-12.15pm. This will include a minute's silence at 12noon to remember all those who have lost their lives whilst at work. All are welcome to attend.

**System Leaders Meeting scheduled for 28 April 2-4pm** Interim chief executive Adam Coldwells is refreshing the monthly System Leaders Meeting. He would like these sessions to be an opportunity for discussion between the chief executive team and leaders across the system on the key current issues we are facing. This is in recognition of the enduring pressures across healthcare settings in Grampian, the change programmes being progressed in response, and the challenges this brings for everyone.

Adam is asking all system leaders to help him refresh this meeting, so you have the strategic information you need to support you in your leadership role. To that end, please send in any key current topic that you need information from the Chief Executive and his team on, for consideration for the agenda by midday tomorrow (23 April).

Just under 500 people in leadership roles have this monthly Teams diary invite and around 70-90 usually attend. If you are a system leader and don't have this in your diary – please get in touch. Contact email for questions/topics/diary invite: [gram.grampianchiefexecutive@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.grampianchiefexecutive@nhs.scot) To aid email management please use the email subject 'SYSTEM LEADERS MEETING'

**Understanding stigma: tackling poverty and inequalities – new Turas module** This eLearning module provides knowledge and awareness of poverty and stigma. Produced jointly by ourselves and Aberdeenshire Council, it takes 30 minutes to complete. It is open to anyone, in any health or social care role. You can access the module here (requires log-in): [Understanding stigma : tackling poverty and inequalities | Turas | Learn](#) If you have any questions, please email [gram.northpublichealth@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.northpublichealth@nhs.scot)

**NoSCAR NMAHP research seminar series** The next seminar on "Grant & Fellowship Writing" will be held via MS Teams tomorrow - Wednesday 23 April – between 1.30-2.30pm. This seminar will provide an overview of grant & fellowship writing, drawing on experience of making applications, peer-reviewing applications and committee membership of local & national health research funders. To join, simply use [this Teams link](#).

**National Grassland Management Report** In the run up to No Mow May, the Sustainability Action Programme team for NHS Scotland has published its [Grassland Management Report](#) to help boards increase biodiversity across our estates. The report explains the wide-ranging benefits - including environmental, cost and wellbeing, tips and case studies, signposting to wider organisations. Our recently published [NHS Grampian Biodiversity Strategy](#) is now being recognised as an example of best practice across Scotland.

**Nurseries open mornings** NHS Grampian nurseries would like to welcome new and potential parents to come along and join an open morning to have an informal look around the nurseries and the outdoor spaces. Staff will be available to answer any questions you may have. Dates and times as follows:

- Woodend Nursery will be open 10am-12pm **this** Saturday (26 April)
- Little Acorns Day Nursery will be open 9.30-11am on Saturday 3 May.

If you have any queries, please contact [laura.yeoman@nhs.scot](mailto:laura.yeoman@nhs.scot) or ext 57457.

**Pause for thought** Credit where credit is due. Where might you give yourself some of the credit you deserve? What signs can you see of the strengths you have?

**Tune of the day** The Cove district nursing team have been in touch to let us know their admin support - Mateusz Psonak – is also a talented singer. They've asked for his latest song, [Rise And Shine](#), as today's tune (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)