

Thursday 30 March 2023

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**Road closure reminders – Foresterhill** There are two road closures affecting the Foresterhill site this coming weekend:

- To allow for works on the new Mortuary site – between Central Stores and Foresterhill Health Centre – a portion of the Loop Road will be closed from 9pm tomorrow night (Friday 31 March). This work is scheduled to run until 4pm on Sunday 2 April.
- To allow for delivery of new equipment to the Radiotherapy building, a section of the East End Road will be closed between 6am-2pm on Saturday 1 April.

Traffic management will be in place around both closures and we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

**NMAHP Celebrating Excellence** We are delighted to invite you to submit your abstract to speak or present a poster at our next Celebrating Excellence event on 29 June 2023 in Elgin. Don't miss your opportunity to raise awareness of your project, showcase your achievements, gain recognition, share best practice and make new contacts. Please apply by contacting: [gram.celebratingexcellence@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.celebratingexcellence@nhs.scot)

**Assistant Practitioner Workforce Needs Analysis Workshop** This workshop can support Managers to strategically plan future workforce solutions or, at a more local level, to plan staffing for a single unit or specific field of clinical practice. Managers will be given the opportunity to:

- gain a greater understanding of the Band 4 Assistant Practitioner role
- complete a Service Needs Analysis which considers patient/client needs, service/specialty skills needs, and Healthcare Support Worker/Assistant Practitioner roles and their contribution
- hear more about the HCSW Development and Education Framework and NHS Grampians associated Competencies Framework
- discuss with peers, what support is required, when re-designing a workforce.

All workshops take place between 9am and 12 noon, on the following dates: 2, 10, 16, 26 May. Contact Practice Education to find out more information and to book a place on an MS Teams Workshop: [gram.practiceeducation@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.practiceeducation@nhs.scot)

**Have Your Say: Review of Transfusion eLearning** Blood transfusion eLearning is managed at a national level in the UK and Ireland. A review of transfusion eLearning provision is now being undertaken by the United Kingdom and Ireland Blood Transfusion Network, ahead of a redevelopment of the courses provided by LearnBloodTransfusion (LBT) and Blood Transfusion Training (BTT). They are asking for both your opinions and thoughts on the current provision, and what you need and want from transfusion eLearning. [This survey will close on 30 April 2023](#), just click the link or scan the QR code below if you are viewing a printed copy of the brief; any queries regarding the survey can be sent to [nss.lbtquery@nhs.scot](mailto:nss.lbtquery@nhs.scot)

**Caring for people with a learning disability** [Two-page best practice guidance documents](#) have been created to support positive outcomes, with recommendations and top tips to aid communication and information sharing. There are two versions to cover both Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire, and Moray.



**Keep up to date with NHS Grampian Charity news!** NHS Grampian Charity is now active on social media. You can find us on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn by searching 'NHS Grampian Charity'. Follow our pages to keep up-to-date with news about activities and services we have supported across Grampian.

We will also shortly be launching our new newsletter, packed full of news and updates about the charity, and how we are supporting staff and patients in hospital and in the community. Email our Communications & Engagement Officer Nicky on [nicky.macbeath@nhs.scot](mailto:nicky.macbeath@nhs.scot) if you would like to be added to our newsletter mailing list.

**Baird and ANCHOR Project Newsletter** The latest [newsletter for The Baird Family Hospital and ANCHOR Centre Project](#) is now available to view online. Enjoy a project update, details of progress on site, insight from the Integrated Families Portfolio Executive Lead, a commissioning update, a focus on women's health research and more about the project's arts work.

**Equality and diversity training** [Information about Level 2 and Level 4 equality and diversity training](#) available next week is now available on the Learning Zone section of NHS Grampian's intranet. Join Nigel Firth for the last sessions with him before heading off on retirement!

**Duty to report to Disclosure Scotland** Working with children and protected adults means we have a legal duty to report any harmful behaviour by staff or volunteers to Disclosure Scotland. You can find full details of the referral grounds on the [Disclosure Scotland website](#).

**Power cut advice** The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service has shared some guidance on [taking steps to prepare for a power cut](#). This is helpful for all of us and a useful resource to share with others too.

**Great Mind to Mind clip** "Our mental wellbeing... is something we need to think about regularly." Dr Alastair Cook has emphasised the importance of looking after [mental wellbeing and the techniques that can help in a short video clip](#). More info: [www.nhsinform.scot/mindtomind](http://www.nhsinform.scot/mindtomind)

**Do you have a child under 7?** [The ELVIS Kids research study](#) is looking for families to volunteer to see if using salt water nose drops helps children with colds get better more quickly and make it less likely to pass on the cold to others. Families taking part will receive a £30 voucher to compensate for any inconvenience.

**Tune of the day** We have a double whammy today with requests from both Donald MacLeod who would like to share [Lookin out my back door](#) by Creedence Clearwater Revival and Tricia Ferguson from the Macmillan Navigator Service who would like to give her colleague Brenda Walker a wee plug. Brenda does an amazing job coordinating all the medication for haemophilia patients in Grampian and [Somewhere in my heart](#) by Aztec Camera is just for you. Happy Thursday, folks (KJ).

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)