

Monday 9 January 2023

Staff vaccinations There will be a pop-up vaccination clinic in RACH (1st floor, Dental Suite) on **Wednesday 18 January, 9.30am-4.30pm**. If you work in health & social care and are eligible for 'flu and/or COVID-19 jabs, you are warmly invited to attend; appointments are not required.

Boarder Management Team From tomorrow (10 January) a Boarder Management Team will operate in ARI for a three-month test of change. The team will be staffed by nursing, medical, and administrative staff and aims to provide a greater support in the management of patients boarded from Wards 104/105/108/109/110/111 by liaising directly with parent and boarding wards, and nursing/medical/AHP/social care teams to ensure each individual journey is person-centred. The BMT will operate Monday to Friday 0800 – 1600 and can be contacted directly via email gram.bmt@nhs.scot.

We look forward to working with all the teams and services involved!

IT Self-Service Portal Last week we highlighted a new IT Self-Service Portal; we're pleased to say it will launch at 8am this Thursday (12 January). To keep up to date on the launch of the new portal please find more information at the following SharePoint page: [IT Self-Service Portal](#)

Paediatric Major Trauma Centre education session – this Friday You are warmly invited to join the Paediatric MTC team for an online learning session, this Friday (13 January) on Teams, between 12-1pm. The session will focus paediatric fracture management. To request the Teams invite, just email gram.nosmtc@nhs.scot

A step in the right direction... We have today launched a new single point of referral to orthopaedics, podiatry, orthotic, and physiotherapy outpatient services, to support adult patients presenting with musculoskeletal foot and ankle conditions.

Implementation of this new multi-professional, system wide, single point of referral has many positive outcomes for both individual patients and the wider system. It is aimed at enabling individuals to build confidence in the management of their own condition, streamlining the referral process, and ultimately enabling people to receive the right care in the right place.

Developing this referral pathway has been a collaborative effort, over several years, involving orthopaedics, podiatry, physiotherapy, and orthotic teams, alongside GP practices and individual service users. To complement the referral process patient information booklets and clinical pathways have been developed, [these are available via Grampian Guidance](#). Further details on the way in which you can refer into this referral point is available from gram.adultmskadultfootandankle@nhs.scot

Thanks must go to William Watson in the Marketing & Visual Communication team, for his work on the format and design of our excellent innovative patient booklets, to the eHealth Team for their support around digitisation of the referral pathway, and Grampian Guidance for development of the clinical pathways.

Scottish Improvement Leader programme NHS Education for Scotland are now recruiting for Cohort 45 of the Scottish Improvement Leader (SciL) programme. Grampian has 4 places allocated for this cohort and it is open to colleagues working in, or contributing to, health & social care and individuals supporting the implementation of Excellence in Care. Applications will be accepted from Wednesday 18 January and close at 10 am on Friday 3 March. Further information and an application pack can be found here: [SciL Recruitment | Turas | Learn \(nhs.scot\)](#)

Pause for Thought Your Monday opportunity for reflection, taken from last week's Guided Journaling sessions:

The January sales take place every year. They usually involve retailers getting rid of Christmas and winter stock at heavily discounted prices to make way for new spring season lines. What kind of clear out might you benefit from, and what would this make way for?

Tune of the day Today's request comes from Lauren Robertson at Royal Cornhill: "A big welcome to Dr Raj Raju who commences his first Consultant Psychiatrist post today, joining OACMHT Aberdeen City North RCH!" The team have asked for [Super Trouper by ABBA](#) and I am happy to oblige (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