

Thursday 1 February 2024

Patient Placement Tool update The Patient Placement Tool (PPT) has recently been reviewed and updated; [version 18 is now live on the Infection Prevention & Control intranet page](#) (networked devices only). The changes made reflect the recently introduced requirement on targeted Candida auris screening in addition to some minor updates to align with existing guidance.

This update will be reflected within the IP EPR observations in TrakCare from tomorrow (2 February). There is a change to how you can update the general infection and MRSA scores, please consult the guide attached to the email used to send this brief. There are now two tabs on the right-hand side of the IP EPR which can be used to calculate the scores. Alternatively, you can continue to use the observations within the IP Summary.

Healthcare Improvement Scotland inspection reports – ARI & DGH As shared via Global email earlier today, Healthcare Improvement Scotland have published the reports of their inspections of ARI and DGH. The reports, along with our action plans, are available to view here:

[Dr Gray's Hospital - safe delivery of care inspection report: February 2024 \(healthcareimprovementscotland.org\)](#)

[Aberdeen Royal Infirmary - safe delivery of care inspection report: February 2024 \(healthcareimprovementscotland.org\)](#)

Non- executive board member recruitment We are looking for not one, but two, new non-executive members of the Grampian NHS board. This is an opportunity open to all; we serve a diverse community in north-east Scotland, and we want the make-up of our board to reflect this. The full recruitment pack is available here: [Board Member appointments: Grampian NHS Board in Aberdeen | Careers at Aberdeen \(icims.com\)](#)

[You may also wish to view this short video from our Chair, Alison Evison.](#)

Current provision of continence care to children & young people in Grampian We are scoping current provision of continence care to children and young people in the region. If you or your team are involved in the assessment and treatment of patients who require support with their bladder and/or bowel function, [we'd be grateful if you could complete this short survey](#). **This includes all assessment/treatment options not just pad provision.** The survey should be completed before Monday 12 February.

HEPMA correction The HEPMA team have advised there was a typo in the weekly update shared on Tuesday. They apologise for any confusion and a corrected version is attached to the email used to send this brief.

Foresterhill Mortuary – Staff Awareness Sessions The Integrated Mortuary Project Team are holding introductory awareness sessions for staff to provide more information about the new Mortuary facility, currently under construction. The sessions will take place on Teams as follows:

- Session One: Wednesday 7 February, 4.15-5pm
- Session Two: Wednesday 14 February, 12.30-1.15pm

If you are interested in attending either of the sessions, please email gram.mortuaryproject@nhs.scot to receive the joining information.

Milk cages – a plea from catering Milk cages (see image below) belong to our milk suppliers, not NHS Grampian. They are only to be used for transporting milk and must NOT be kept by individual services/departments. Most milk cages will have a stamp or label stating which dairy or group of dairies they belong to; if you have any of these cages in your area, please contact your local catering department/kitchen to arrange their return, without delay.



Healthcare Support Workers' forum Are you a healthcare support worker? Do you want to know more about the development & education framework and how it can work for you? Then come along to one of our short forum meetings. Dates below, all taking place in the Medical Lecture Theatre at ARI; registered staff and managers are also very welcome to attend:

- Wednesday 14 February, 10.45am-12noon
- Tuesday 20 February, 11.15am-12.30pm
- Tuesday 5 March, 11am-12noon
- Thursday 7 March, 2-3pm

If you can't attend in person, you can join on Teams. Please contact Helen Sparks (helen.sparks@nhs.scot) for the joining link.

Migraine information & support event Thank you to everyone who attended our migraine support and information session which took place last night – more than 460 people joined us online. For those who could not attend the information session, or perhaps want to remind themselves of key points, you can watch again here: [Understanding migraine, treatments and accessing Grampian support. - YouTube.](#)

Tune of the day Our request today goes out to Heather Binns, who marks 25 years with the NHS this week. Over the last two and a half decades, Heather has had 13 roles across primary and secondary care. She started in mental health and is currently the Programme Manager for NoS HEPMA. As the project aspect of the NoS HEPMA will soon end, Heather will be heading off to new ventures elsewhere in the NHS! The HEPMA team have asked for Backstreet Boys and [It's Gotta Be You.](#) (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