

Tuesday 27 February 2024

Ask Adam – Return of Chief Exec Staff Q&A We're delighted to announce Adam Coldwells, interim Chief Executive, will join us next week for the first recording of "Ask Adam", the staff Q&A session in which he responds directly to your submitted questions.

Is there a burning issue you'd like to see Adam address on screen or that he can help you get answers to? If so, submit your questions by close of play 29 February to gram.communications@nhs.scot with the subject "Ask Adam". Remember to indicate if you'd like to remain anonymous. Questions received after this date will be kept for the next session.

Service update – domestic & support services At present, due to high levels of staff absence, the domestic & support services team are prioritising high-risk clinical areas. This means low-risk, non-clinical areas may not receive the usual frequency of cleaning. Please be assured the team works as a collective group to prioritise areas and reallocate staff, and we appreciate your support and understanding. You can help us focus on the task at hand by refraining from multiple queries to the supervisors on lack of domestic staff in areas. Regrettably, if you work in a non-clinical area your domestic service will be very limited at present. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Cyber security week It's that time of year once again; cyber security week aims to remind all of us of the role we can play in ensuring our IT systems – and the patient information they contain – are kept safe. [The IT security team have produced this guide](#) on everything from AI and password security, to how to spot and report phishing emails.

February pay date If you get your pay monthly, salaries will be paid on Thursday 29 February. A list of pay dates for both monthly and weekly pay [is available on the Payroll intranet page](#) (networked devices only)

Datix surgeries There are two Datix surgeries taking place on Tuesday 5 March, between 1-2pm, and 2-3pm. Book on to ask a question or seek advice on anything to do with Datix. Booking is via Turas (requires log-in): [Datix Surgeries | Turas | Learn \(nhs.scot\)](#)

Graduate Apprenticeship programme This programme offers appropriate staff the opportunity to apply to complete an undergraduate degree at RGU while continuing to work in their current NHS role. There are eight degree frameworks on offer, including cyber security, accounting, and construction & the built environment. [More information, along with the application form, is available on the intranet here](#) (networked devices only). Your application must have your line manager's support and you need to identify an appropriately qualified mentor who is **not** part of your line management structure. Applications close at 4.30pm on Friday 22 March. Questions? Contact Douglas Andrew on ext 67304 (DGH) or ext 50227 (ARI)

Updated - staff physiotherapy service self-help guide The staff physiotherapy service produces an information guide, to help you understand the different types of musculo-skeletal pain, and how we can all be more physically active. [The latest edition has some great advice on posture](#), not just for those of us who work at a desk.

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:

- Tuesday 5 March, 11am-12noon
- Thursday 7 March, 2-3pm
- Tuesday 2 April, 11am-12noon
- Thursday 4 April, 11am-12noon
- Tuesday 9 April, 11am-12noon
- Thursday 11 April, 11am-12noon

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

NMAHP new graduate welcome event The next NMAHP new graduate welcome event will be in-person on Tuesday 23 April, 9.30am-2pm, in the Suttie Centre (Conference Room, 402). Booking is via Turas (log-in required): [NMAHP Welcome | Turas | Learn \(nhs.scot\)](#) All NMAHP new graduates are required to attend one of these events.

Inspiring Quality newsletter The latest edition of the Quality Improvement & Assurance Team newsletter [is available to read here](#) (intranet link, networked devices only).

Tune of the day Nerys Rae, community nurse in Inverbervie, celebrates her 39th anniversary of turning 21 this week (think about it...). All her chums in the Kincardine & Mearns nursing team send their congratulations on this milestone and wish you many years of paddle boarding and dancing to come! They've asked for [Denis by Blondie](#) and I am delighted 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