

Friday 11 November 2022

Potential issue with naloxone kits The Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) have issued a safety alert about naloxone kits with the brand name Prenoxad. Kits should contain two needles; the manufacturer has said some kits may have one – or none. There is no evidence of this occurring in the UK to date, but this is a good opportunity for anyone holding a kit to check it. More information on how to do this is available on [the Scottish Drugs Forum website](#); crucially, **kits should not be opened**, it is possible to check if needles are present without breaking the seal on a kit. Please see the attached poster for further information.

If you are speaking to patients or clients, please share this information with them, and encourage them to check their kits are intact and in date.

Staff Equalities Network - Should you bring your 'authentic-self' to work each day? Each of us has multiple protected characteristics and a range of identities connected to the distinct roles we play in our daily lives.

A lot is currently discussed about the importance of being able to bring your 'whole-self' or 'authentic-self' to work each day. When we feel psychologically safe to bring ourselves as who we truly feel we are, it is believed that we are more comfortable to share our perspectives, values and beliefs and in doing so make our best contributions. This sounds like something we should all be able to get behind, but is it really a good thing, or should we even want to share our true colours in all their glory in the workplace? And would that conflict with the reality of working in a public sector organisation.

Come along to the Staff Equalities Network on **Wednesday 16 November at 2pm** as we dig a little deeper into this idea and discuss what role 'authenticity' has in helping NHS Grampian achieve our aim of becoming a more inclusive organisation. If you would like to come along and be part of the discussion, contact gram.staffequalities@nhs.scot for the Teams link – everyone is welcome!

That was the week that was It's time for a quick recap of the key items shared in the brief this week; remember, [they are all available online here](#):

Monday 7 – update on planning for potential industrial action, finance controls (No Purchase Order, No Payment)

Tuesday 8 – launch of new recruitment drive, dementia learning opportunities

Wednesday 9 – reminder of staff vaccination walk-in opportunities, details of Secret Santa Gleneagles draw (launches on Monday!)

Thursday 10 – mouth cancer awareness, events planned for Healthcare Support Worker Day (23 November)

STAR Award No new winners to announce this week, but if you work with somebody (or somebodies) who you think deserves recognition, why not nominate them for a STAR award? You can either [complete the online form](#) or email the details to gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot

Tune of the day Judy Taylor (eHealth) gets us rocking into the weekend, with her request of Nazareth's [This Flight Tonight](#). The band formed in Dunfermline in the 1970s, sadly lead singer Dan McCafferty passed away earlier this week at the age of 76.

We've made it to the end of another working week. If you are getting a break over the weekend, I hope it's restful and enjoyable. For those of you on shift, take care. The brief will return on Monday (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