

Friday 18 November 2022

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**Amber weather warning** The Amber weather warning for rain, covering much of Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire, has been extended until 9pm this evening. More detailed information was circulated earlier today via the Globals email; you can also get the latest updates [from the Met Office website](#). The weather has caused a significant amount of disruption today; a huge thank you to everyone who has stepped up to meet the challenge, in particular our colleagues in Estates and Domestic Services, who have dealt with an enormous workload.

**Antibiotic reporting change** [World Antibiotic Awareness Week](#) starts today, so this is a good time to let you know that, from 23 November, there will be changes to how antibiotic susceptibilities are reported from the microbiology laboratory. As well as antibiotics being reported as 'sensitive' or 'resistant' there will also be a new category of 'Increased dose required'. [Please view the bulletin](#) for key points about this change and the recommended increased doses for the affected antibiotics. A short video learning resource has also been produced on [TURAS Learn](#), to provide more detailed information about these changes.

**NHS Scotland communications survey** Thanks to everyone who highlighted the error in this questionnaire. This has now been corrected, [just click on this link to take part](#). The survey closes at 5pm on Tuesday.

**That was the week that was** A quick canter through the key items shared this week; remember all briefs are available on the NHS Grampian website, just click on 'Working With Us', the online library is the second item in the HR Portal menu.

Monday 14 – industrial action update, new passwords policy, [launch of 2022 Secret Santa Draw](#).

Tuesday 15 – vaccination programme milestone, upcoming Royal Mail strikes, PPE donning & doffing training sessions.

Wednesday 16 – teaching strikes and arrangements to be made by staff, launch of Long Covid professional network.

Thursday 17 – industrial action update, further information on teaching strikes, Fit Notes test of change.

**STAR Award** No presentations took place this week, so consider this your prompt to nominate a colleague or team for a STAR Award. You can either email the details to [gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot) or [fill in the online nomination form](#).

**BAFTA Scotland** While we're on the subject of awards, we've got our fingers crossed for the team behind Rescue – Extreme Medics, up for a BAFTA Scotland award on Sunday. The series of course featured our Major Trauma Centre team; we wish everyone involved the very best of luck.

**Tune of the day** We close out another week with a request from Vicky Ballantyne. An avid Westlife fan, she was at their gig at P&J Live last night and has asked for their version of [You Raise Me Up](#).

It's been another full-on week, with information flying at us from all directions. I hope the brief continues to be a helpful way to distil this into what you need to know. Please keep sharing your feedback, it really does make a difference. Whatever you're doing over the weekend, take care and stay cosy. The brief will be back 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](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot)