

Thursday 20 October 2022

**Call Before You Convey – second test of change** Thank you to everyone who attended the virtual session on Tuesday, highlighting the results of the first test of change of Call Before You Convey. We will be starting a second, longer, test of change tomorrow (Friday 21 October). This will run for four weeks and, as before, prior to leaving the scene, SAS A&E crews will first contact the Grampian Flow Navigation Centre to seek senior decision-making support. The primary aim is to help ensure patients are provided with the right care in the right place at the right time. Want to know more? Please see the posters attached or [watch this video for further information](#). If you still have questions, then please contact [gram.uucteam@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.uucteam@nhs.scot)

**International Infection Prevention Week** Today we're looking at Chapter 4 of the NIPCM, which focuses on the built environment. Pathogens can be found in many hidden areas of the built environment such as water, ventilation systems, and areas where there is damp or mould growing. These pathogens can also be found on equipment which has not been decontaminated appropriately. Protect patients and yourself by flushing little used outlets, observing the 1-metre splash zone, and reporting any environmental concerns promptly. Evidence based resources / further reading is available [in Chapter 4 of the NIPCM](#).

**Orange Zone café** A reminder the Orange Zone café at ARI will be CLOSED again tomorrow. We apologise for any inconvenience, all other outlets in the hospital supplying food and drink are open as normal.

**Changes to disclosure system in Scotland** The Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 will come into effect in 2024. It will bring changes to the Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme many of you will be familiar with. [Further information on the changes and any action needed is available here](#) (intranet link, networked devices only).

**Braun Thermoscan Pro 6000 Ear Thermometer** Following reports of patients feeling the thermometer tip on this device heating up, this is associated with fluid being present in the unit.

[Following these cleaning instructions](#) should resolve the issue.

**Consultation open on new carers strategy for Aberdeen City** A new three-year strategy maps out how Aberdeen City Health & Social Care Partnership will support unpaid carers in their vital roles in helping family and friends. [Full information on the draft strategy and the consultation document is available here](#). Special online and in-person consultation events across the city are also listed. If you're reading a printed version of this brief, please scan the QR code below to see the consultation:



The public consultation on the new strategy aims to reach out to as many carers as possible so their needs can be considered in the final document. The consultation will be open until 31 December 2022, responses will be incorporated into a new draft, and this will be considered by the Aberdeen City Integration Joint Board at the end of January.

**R&D lunchtime seminar** The next event in this series will take place on Wednesday 2 November, 12noon -1pm, in room 115 of the Health Sciences Building, Foresterhill. For new and experienced researchers: an update, from the NHSG-UoA Named Archivist, of the session delivered in 2018. This will cover archive regulation, local policy, best practice and 'myth busting' about archive of clinical research data in Grampian. Booking recommended, please email [gram.randdtraining@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.randdtraining@nhs.scot) to reserve your seat. [Please find details of future seminars here.](#)

**Tune of the day** Thanks to Duncan Vickers (healthcare chaplain, ARI) for today's request. He's asked for [You've Got a Friend in Me](#) by Randy Newman (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)