

Friday 27 May 2022

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**Ukrainian Welcome Hub** A Ukrainian Welcome hub has been set up at the Best Western Hotel at Aberdeen Airport. The Grampian Health Needs Assessment team will be on site to conduct a health assessment with any arrivals this weekend, they will be advised to make use of 111 this weekend if there is an urgent need. This is an emerging situation; further updates will be provided once we are better informed around the medium - long term requirements.

**Single-use plastic ban** Following a query about the upcoming ban, we wanted to confirm the measures which come into effect on 1 June apply to single-use consumer products, such as cups or cutlery. Single-use plastic medical equipment/devices are not covered by this ban.

**Unlocking TrakCare Records** The unlocking of TrakCare records must be done by IT between the hours of 0830-1700. Site and Capacity will only unlock TrakCare records out with these hours and at the weekend. To avoid locking records, please ensure you press the home button to refresh your screen.

**Culture Collaborative Open Forum** This forum is open to all colleagues who want to get involved in shaping our organisational culture. Our next Culture Collaborative will take place on Tuesday 31 May, 3-4pm, where we will discuss Plan for the Future and the BPA Culture Survey Snapshots. Your input is welcomed and valued; if you are keen to sign up and haven't already, please contact Brooke Elliott at [gram.culturematters@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.culturematters@nhs.scot) for more information.

**BSc Professional Practice - NMAHP Top-Up Degree** Robert Gordon University and NHS Grampian have arranged 2 study skills sessions for Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professionals who hope to apply for the September intake of the Top-Up Degree (BSc Professional Practice). These will take place on Friday 10 June, 9am-12noon and Thursday 23 June, 2-5pm. **Please be aware attendance is required at both sessions.** Further information can be found on the [Practice Education intranet page](#) (networked devices only). Please contact [gram.topupdegree@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.topupdegree@nhs.scot) if you wish to attend no later than 9am on Monday 6 June.

**That was the week that was** [All briefs are available to read online here](#); here is quick summary of some of the items we've shared this week:

Monday 23 – First update on monkeypox, registering for the next Celebrating Excellence event, Hospital @Home – Shire Supported Discharge information sessions.

Tuesday 24 – Pension auto-enrolment, changes to some retail catering opening hours and price increases, NMAHP Clinical Doctorate opportunity.

Wednesday 25 – Single-use plastics ban, Active Travel video volunteers, We Care Wellbeing Wednesday.

Thursday 26 – Further monkeypox update, Episode 9 of 'Caroline In Conversation', further information on single-use plastic ban, site security reminder

**COVID-19 update** Today's publication from Office of National Statistics estimates 1 in 40 people in Scotland had COVID in the 7 days to 21 May, an increase from 1 in 45 the week before. It is not yet clear whether this represents a plateau or even the start of a rise in prevalence. Certainly, the decline in infections we have been seeing across the UK over the past 2 months may be showing some signs of slowing, particularly in adults over 20. Fluctuations are likely whilst the virus continues to circulate at relatively high levels in the community due to more relaxed behaviours, waning immunity, and reinfections. [This week's video talks about new variants of concern](#), BA4 and BA5, that are increasing as a proportion of cases in the UK and are currently driving a wave of infection in South Africa. Whilst it may mean a new wave could be on the horizon for us, there is considerable uncertainty about this. The good news for us right now is the impact of COVID on severe illness is reducing with falling hospital admissions and COVID occupancy reducing to 62 from 120 in early April.

**STAR Award/Long Service awards** If you want to nominate a colleague or team for a STAR award, you can either email [gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot) or [complete the online form](#).

[Information about Long Service awards is available on the intranet \(networked devices only\).](#)

**Ticket offers** Aberdeen Performing Arts have shared details of NHS discounts for upcoming events, as follows:

- [UB40 – Music Hall – tonight \(27 May\)](#) - £15 standing tickets with the code REDWINE
- [Some Guys Have All The Luck – Music Hall – 22 June](#) - 2 for 1 tickets with the code SAILING
- [Ultimate Eagles – Music Hall – 23 June](#) - £10 off tickets under code FASTLANE

The team at P&J Live have also shared details of discounted tickets for the Strictly Come Dancing event on Monday 30 May – tickets are now £10 (plus booking fee) each. [Tickets can be purchased here](#).

NHS Grampian has no official affiliation with these venues and does not profit from these offers in any way.

**Tune of the day** We've got a bumper crop of requests to round off the week. Kelly Sumner (IT Support) has requested [Separate Ways by Journey](#) for Coleen and Olivia at the Dental School Aroma, which temporarily closes from today. Kelly wishes them all the best and says she'll miss their lunchtime chats.

Meanwhile David Evans (Kildrummy ward, RCH) has asked us to include [You'll Never Walk Alone](#) for his colleague and friend Peter Mcdougall, based at Polmuir Road. Peter is a huge Liverpool FC fan and it's a big night for them tomorrow, as they take on Real Madrid in the Champions League final.

Finally, given the sudden death of Depeche Mode member Andy Fletcher, we wanted to include a tune from them – what else but [Just Can't Get Enough](#)?

It's been another busy week, but we've made it to Friday. I hope you manage to get some time just for you over the weekend. If you're part of the NHSG delegation at Grampian Pride tomorrow, enjoy yourselves! 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](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot)