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**Bringing Association Specialist Conferences to Aberdeen** We have long supported our colleagues in bringing their specialist conferences for a host of Royal Colleges and governing bodies to Aberdeen in conjunction with the team at P&J Live Exhibition Space. There will be a dinner event on May 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 from 5.30-8pm at P&J Live to learn about the venue and hear from key partners and local academics about bidding to host your specialist association conference in Aberdeen.

The event includes a tour of the new venue and presentations from key partners on the successful delivery of association conferences in the region.

We want to continue to work hard to keep Grampian very much on the map of clinical excellence.

If you would like to attend or learn more please contact [lesley.meldrum@nhs.scot](mailto:lesley.meldrum@nhs.scot) or [rmasson@pandjlive.com](mailto:rmasson@pandjlive.com)

**Medical Locum Agency Request Process** A revised process to request medical agency locum support is now in place, as of the April 1. This aims to ensure effective governance over all medical agency locum engagements.

Please follow the revised process to ensure consistency across NHS Grampian through completion of standard engagement and extension forms. Request forms require to be accompanied by a completed risk assessment for all medical agency locum engagements. The other main changes include a standard approval framework and greater transparency over the rota gap to be filled and the rate at which a medical agency locum is being engaged.

Further information including the forms and a template for risk assessment, FAQs and the approval framework can be accessed via the following link. <http://nhsgintranet.grampian.scot.nhs.uk/depts/HRSC/Recruitment/Pages/Locums.aspx>

**Grampian Respiratory MCN Professional Conference 2023** We are delighted to announce that registration is now open for this year's Grampian Respiratory MCN Professional Conference which will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at the Beach Ballroom in Aberdeen.

We are excited to welcome delegates back to a face-to-face Respiratory MCN Conference for the first time since 2019. We have an excellent programme covering community respiratory pathways, paediatrics, post-covid care, chronic disease management, inhaler technique and more with a mix of plenary sessions, workshops, interactive sessions and small group discussions. We anticipate this will be an informative and enjoyable event with great opportunities to network with colleagues and pharmaceutical company exhibitors.

Please follow the Eventbrite link below for full details of this event, the programme, and to purchase tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/601222581927>

**Staff IT Training Support in ARI Healthpoint – Available until 28/04/23** The eHealth Applications Training and Facilitation Team are currently offering face to face training support as part of a 3 month pilot in the Healthpoint located at the main concourse in ARI.

The pilot period ends on Friday 28/04/23 and will not be extended - make sure that you come and see us before then!

We are offering support and guidance on all things TrakCare and other eHealth applications. This includes:

- Applying for access/access issues
- On the spot training
- Setting preferences
- Sign posting to further support resources

We look forward to seeing you - our hours are Monday –Friday 8:30 – 1pm and 1:30-4pm

For all technical issues (including password resets) please continue to log calls with the IT Service Desk either using the or by calling extension 54444

NHS Grampian Healthpoints and Healthline offer free and confidential advice from trained staff on a wide range of topics. Visit the Healthpoint at ARI Concourse or call the free Healthline 08085 20 20 30

**Tune of the day** You don't need us to tell you that on this day in 1993, 10 years after its first release, The Bluebells had a UK No.1 single with '[Young At Heart](#)' after the track was featured on a Volkswagen TV advert – so let it be out song for today.

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)