

Tuesday 6 June 2023

iMatter update We are currently sitting at a response rate of 54% for the 2023 iMatter questionnaire. The response window closes at 4pm next Monday (12 June) so the clock is ticking. The more responses we get, the better we can understand your experience and work together to improve it. If you are completing a paper questionnaire, please use the prepaid self-addressed envelope provided with your questionnaire and make sure you pop it in the post no later than Monday for it to be counted.

We will be sharing information with managers about support for action planning before the reports are published on 26 June. If you are listed as a manager on the system, you will get an email direct to your inbox. Any questions or queries please contact gram.imatter@nhs.scot.

Defibrillators showcase We are reviewing the defibrillators used throughout the organisation. A range of suppliers have been invited to a product showcase in Aberdeen on 14 June and we would like to invite any interested staff to come along and give their feedback. There are two sessions: 10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30-3.30pm, both in Room 224, Suttie Centre. You can drop in at any point during those sessions, you do not have to stay for the full time. We look forward to seeing you there!

HCSW workshop The Practice Education Team will be running a HCSW Service Needs Analysis Workshop on 16 June from 9am - 12pm via Teams. This workshop aims to support managers to strategically plan future workforce solutions and the opportunity to gain a greater understanding of the Band 4 Assistant Practitioner role. If you would like to attend, please email gram.practiceeducation@nhs.scot

Tissue Viability team newsletter The latest updates from the Tissue Viability team are available to read here: [March – June 2023 newsletter](#)

Virtual prescribing conference – Save the Date! The NHS Grampian Non-Medical Prescribing Virtual Conference will take place on 26 and 27 September. Topics covered will include pre-operative prescribing considerations, acute and chronic heart failure, and paediatric prescribing. The full programme will be available next month. [In the meantime, registration is open](#); any queries should be directed to gram.acateam@nhs.scot

Volunteering – your stories Our celebration of Volunteers Week continues; today we hear from Fiona Huffer, Team Leader for Moray West Health Visitor and School Nursing Teams:

“I am a Guide Leader for a local Guide unit and have 27 girls in our unit who meet weekly. It's a great chance to take part in activities I wouldn't normally do, help build girls self-confidence and allow them to have fun, meet new people and try new skills. I'm also a Group Coordinator, host and driver for a local Tea Party group as part of Re-Engage. This is a charity who work to reduce isolation in the elderly. Our group meet monthly for 2 hours with a group of older guests who get picked up by a driver, driven to the hosts house and have two hours of chat, delicious cake and company. The volunteers enjoy it as much as the guests do!!”

Ticket offer – Pet Shop Boys The team at P&J Live have been in touch to share a discounted ticket offer for the Pet Shop Boys Aberdeen gig on Wednesday 21 June. Tickets cost £10 + booking fees and are available here: [Pet Shop Boys @ P&J Live](#). Please remember, NHS Grampian is not responsible for – and does not profit from – these offers.

Tune of the day Thanks to Natalie Connelly in the dietetics department at Woodend Hospital for today's request: "Specialist dietitian Susan McPherson is taking **early** retirement and her last working day is today. Susan has been with NHS Grampian for 37 years, 27 of those at Woodend. She is a valued member of the Dietetic and Multidisciplinary Team and will be greatly missed. As she has specifically asked for no fuss, we've decided to make it about us instead and request [What About Us by P!nk](#). As the lyrics state "what about all the times you said you had the answers?" - Susan normally does!" (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