

Thursday 17 August 2023

RAAC inspections The first round of specialist surveys, to determine if Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) is present in our buildings will start on **Monday (21 August)**. The following locations will be visited over the course of the working week:

- **Dental School** - Argyll House
- **Aberdeen Maternity Hospital** - Antenatal
- **Aberdeen Royal Infirmary** - Dressings Clinic, Nuclear Medicine, Cardiac Dept, Mortuary, Coronary Care, Clinic C, Radiotherapy, Linear Accelerators, Theatres, ITU, Dental Block, Phase 1, Phase 2 and the all the Generator rooms on the list.
- **City Hospital** - Resource Centre
- **Denburn Health Centre**
- **Kincorth Health Centre**
- **Airyhall Clinic**

We apologise for the short notice. The national survey programme is moving faster than expected; we thank you in advance for your patience and support for the survey team. We expect to get more notice of future inspections and we will keep you updated via this brief. In case you missed them, we held two information sessions on Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) earlier this month. These were recorded and are available to watch on the [NHS Grampian YouTube channel](#). The questions asked at these sessions were also used to update the FAQ which is available here: [raac-faq-03-08-23.pdf \(nhsgrampian.org\)](#)

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Bed Base Review – project update The Chief Executive Team approved proposals from the Project Board at their meeting at the start of August. In summary these are:

- To take a staged approach to increasing bed capacity in ARI – Stage 1a aims to create 40 additional, permanent, fully staffed beds this winter.
- Work will start immediately to determine what is needed to deliver this – the planning of staff recruitment, equipment requirements, supporting services, etc
- Development, at pace, of effectiveness and performance measurements for Stage 1a

The steps in stage 1a are intended to minimise corridor care and start reducing the number of patients being boarded into other wards during the winter period. The additional beds are likely to be focused in the MUSC (Medicine & Unscheduled Care) portfolio, exact details are still being developed.

There is committed funding for the additional staffing requirements, including support services and equipment, and we are currently developing the workforce plan. Recruitment for the additional posts required will commence in the next few weeks.

The next stage of the project, Stage 1b, will begin in March 2024 which will aim to add a further 34 beds to the system. A further 46 beds will then be added in 2 stages by June 2025, giving a total of 120 additional beds. We want to get your feedback on the plans so far, so please consider completing this [anonymous survey](#). If you're reading a printed copy of this brief, please scan the QR code below:



Issues currently affecting the intranet search functionality eHealth are aware of issues affecting the intranet search and are working to reset the search index so that results can be returned normally. Your patience is appreciated while they work to resolve the issue.

Supporting the healthcare needs of people with learning disabilities in hospital NHS Education for Scotland have launched a new online module, aimed at improving recognition and support of health needs and outcomes for adults with learning disabilities. The module 'Supporting the healthcare needs of people with learning disabilities in the hospital' explores how you can gain skills to anticipate, plan for, and make reasonable adjustments when someone with a learning disability is in hospital or accessing other healthcare settings. Adults with learning disabilities may access our care in a range of different settings, so we'd encourage you to complete this module. It's available on Turas (log-in required): [Supporting the healthcare needs of people with learning disabilities in hospital | Turas | Learn \(nhs.scot\)](#)

RCN Scotland – nursing support roles event The information provided to us regarding the venue for this event, on Tuesday 3 October, was incorrect. It will take place at the **MacGillivray Conference Centre in AMH**. We apologise for any confusion; [you can register for the event via this link](#).

Tune of the day It's another two for one special and we are in an 80s mood! First up, Debbie Thain, part of our procurement team, is marking 40 years with the NHS today. Jennifer and colleagues have asked for [Just Can't Get Enough](#) by Depeche Mode to celebrate the occasion. Secondly, a shout out to all the team in the Endoscopy Unit at ARI. I hear they're big fans of this feature, so for them it's [House of Fun](#) by Madness (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