

Monday 9 October 2023

Weather response We wanted to start today's brief by saying 'thank-you' for your contribution during the heavy rain over the weekend. While we did not experience the worst of the weather, driving conditions were poor and leaks have been a challenge in several buildings. Thank you for keeping 'the show' on the road.

Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland Every nine minutes, someone in Scotland is the victim of domestic abuse. Police Scotland run the Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland (DSDAS). Under the scheme, the 'Right to Ask' means people can find out about the background of their partner. Concerned relatives or friends can also ask questions under the 'Right to Ask'. The 'Power to Tell' means telling an individual they may be at risk of abuse.

If you see someone exhibiting concerning behaviour, you can submit a DSDAS application. Those involved will never be told who sent in the application. [This short video explains more](#) about the role we can play; you can also visit the Police Scotland website, where you can access the DSDAS form: [Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland - Police Scotland](#)

National transfusion recording – coming to Grampian on 20 November To ensure consistent recording across Scotland, the SNBTS Transfusion Team have developed a standardised National Transfusion Record (NTR) for the authorisation of blood component transfusion. The use of the NTR is endorsed by the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Committee. This will replace the form currently in use, entitled '*Prescription and recording form for the transfusion of blood components*'.

Further information including how to complete the NTR can be [found on the dedicated NTR launch site](#) and [via this short information video](#). Additionally, SCNs will shortly receive information packs. Please make sure you have copies of the new record, ready to use from Monday 20 November. You can order them on PECOS using the following codes:

- NTDOC1-100 (100 copies)
- NTDOC1-500 (500 copies)
- NTDOC1-1000 (1000 copies)

The continuation sheet can be ordered using the following codes:

- NTDCOC1-100 (100 copies)
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Moray Health & Care News Issue 5 of this newsletter was published today and is available to read online here: [Moray Health and Care News \(nhsgrampian.org\)](https://nhsgrampian.org/moray-health-and-care-news)

Safe swallowing & texture modified diets – free training Expert dysphagia chefs will provide practical examples of nutritious and appetising modified diets at two training sessions next month. These will take place on Tuesday 7 November, at Pittodrie stadium. You can either attend at 9.30 am – 12.30pm, or 1.30-4.30pm. This training is free, but it is very popular, so don't delay booking your place! Contact johanne.smith@nhs.scot for more information.

Evaluation Clinics Appointment slots for the evaluation clinics are available on 26 October and 30 November. If you are planning a service change or project, and you are looking for advice on evaluation, [then you can book via this link](#). If you have any queries or if the clinic date is not convenient, please contact: CLeask@aberdeencity.gov.uk / niki.couper2@phs.scot

GHAT workshop If you are on the Foresterhill site this Wednesday, come and join Grampian Hospitals Art Trust between 12-1pm as they create print rubbings and imprints with unseen features in a green space on the campus. The workshop will be quick, simple, and fun, with no obligation to stay for the whole duration, though you are welcome to. The workshop is outside, so please wear sensible shoes and a coat, all the materials you need will be provided. [Details of the workshop and how to book can be found via this link](#) or email us at gram.hospitalsarttrust@nhs.scot

Pause for thought Where is the train you are on scheduled to take you? What do you hope for when you step off and on to the platform?

Tune of the day An anonymous request today – [It Must Be Love by Labi Siffre](#) – and a bonus quote for good measure: “I feel the capacity to care is the thing that gives life its deepest significance” (Pablo Casals) (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