

Thursday 19 January 2023

Agenda for Change Pay Award As confirmed at the end of December, the 2022/23 pay award will be applied in January salaries. Staff who are paid monthly will receive the uplift in their salary on 26 January; weekly paid bank workers will have seen the increase applied from last Friday.

We know everyone is keen to understand when backdated pay will be received. At this point in time all Payroll teams across NHS Scotland have confirmed they are on track to pay arrears in February. Monthly paid staff will receive this on 28 February, whilst weekly paid bank workers will see their arrears being paid Friday 24 February.

Disruption to phone services – Foresterhill – update Each critical area on the Foresterhill site has access to two telephones, provided from different telephone systems. **One of these phones will be always in operation during the essential work on the telephone system taking place tomorrow and on Saturday.** A list of the critical areas can be found on the intranet at [Pages - System Fail Telephones \(scot.nhs.uk\)](#) - Open the link, Open the System Fail Telephones document in the blue writing and choose the Foresterhill site tab. [Please click here for further details on the work](#) (intranet link, networked devices only)

Face Fit testing If you are caring for patients where airborne precautions are in place, or you need to go into an area where airborne precautions are in place, you must have a fit test pass for a FFP3 mask. If you do not have a current pass on an FFP3 mask, please book a fit test appointment. To book a fit test appointment contact the fit testing hub via email gram.face-fit-appointment-hub@nhs.scot

Donning & doffing refreshers The Infection Prevention & Control team offer regular refreshers on the correct way to don and doff PPE. Upcoming dates as follows, all sessions start at 11am and are delivered on Teams:

- January – Tuesday 24, Tuesday 31
- February – Thursday 9, Tuesday 14, Thursday 23, Tuesday 28
- March – Thursday 9, Tuesday 14, Thursday 23, Tuesday 28

You can book a place on any session by emailing gram.ipc-donn-doff-training@nhs.scot

Category One event/Level One reviews Healthcare Improvement Scotland recently recommended we develop a plan to address delays in the completion of Category One event Level One reviews including developing capacity to lead reviews (recognising this is not an issue unique to us), we have developed a brief survey for Commissioners and Reviewers who have been or are currently undertaking Level 1 reviews to gain insight into what the challenges are. We would be grateful if you could take the time to complete the survey, [which is available via this link](#). The survey will run for 3 weeks. The results will then be collated and themed to see if any improvements can be made with the review process.

Reminder - Foresterhill Health Campus site access Due to road works, there will be no exit from the Maggie's Centre entrance onto Westburn Road this Saturday (21 January), and for the following four Saturdays. Exit will be via Cornhill Road. Vehicles will still be able to enter the site as normal. Please look out for local signage. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Free Staff Swimming Session at RGU – change in timing We have today been advised by RGU of a change in the timing of our staff swimming sessions at Garthdee. Effective from today, we have one long session, 5.30-8pm, each Thursday through to December 2023. RGU have apologised for the late notification. [More information on the Sports Committee](#) is available here (intranet link, networked devices only).

Tune of the day Another day, another step count challenge request; this time from Sharon Falconer and the brilliantly named 'We've got the Runs' team, representing Infection Prevention & Control. Sharon has asked for [I Walk the Line by Johnny Cash](#). Given the current icy weather, whether you're in the challenge or not, please take care when out and about (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