

Monday 1 July 2024

Coming soon – replacement emergency airway bags Over the next few months the resuscitation team will be coming to all clinical departments, including in the community, to supply new emergency airway bags. These will replace the clear bags which currently hang on emergency O₂ cylinders and are used to store airway equipment.

The new bags are smaller, more secure due to anti-tamper tags, can be cleaned as needed, and are easier to locate due to their bright colour (see image below). It will be locked with security tags, which are the same tags used on the blue PPE bags. As the tag on the airway bag will need to be replaced after each weekly check, and/or each time it is used, areas will now need to order their own tags through Pecos as a non-catalogue item.

Areas with emergency O₂ located on, or next to, a full resuscitation trolley do not need to also keep emergency airway equipment with the O₂ cylinder. We will be happy to discuss this update when we visit to change the bag, or you can contact us directly with any queries.



Minor Injury Units – Peterhead, Fraserburgh, Huntly The opening hours of the Minor Injury Units (MIUs) in Peterhead, Fraserburgh, and Huntly change as from today (1 July), with all units closed overnight. MIUs are not a walk-in service; people should contact NHS 24 on 111 to use this service.

Urgent appeal for job evaluation matchers Job matching is the process of evaluating Agenda for Change (AfC) job descriptions. It's a vital role which ensures we have fair and consistent grading and job descriptions for all AfC colleagues. We need to increase our current pool of available matchers, especially among staff side colleagues, though all recruits from all AfC disciplines are welcome. If this is a role you wish to be involved in, we are providing training to enable this in August.

Once trained, you must commit to attending at least two job matching panels a year and participate in any Job Evaluation projects e.g. review of Band 5 nurses. To find out more about job matching and our two-day training course in Aberdeen in August, email Gina Littlejohn at gram.jobevaluation@nhs.scot. **If spaces for the training are oversubscribed, staff side colleagues will be given priority.**

Blood tests at secondary care hub – action required People are continuing to be referred for blood tests at the secondary care hub without a request on Trakcare, despite previous communication underlining the importance of this. Effective **today**, it is the responsibility of clinicians requesting blood tests at the hub to ensure the correct requests are available to staff visible on Trakcare. If the correct request is not available, appointments will be cancelled. Patients will be advised to contact their hospital clinician or speciality to have this arranged and rebook their appointment once this has been done. If support is required, please contact Andrea Dryburgh, Nurse Manager (andrea.dryburgh@nhs.scot) or Jennifer Fraser, Service Manager (jennifer.fraser2@nhs.scot)

Try Dry It is alcohol awareness week, an annual campaign aimed at increasing our understanding of the harm alcohol can cause. If you've been thinking about cutting back, why not Try Dry? Try Dry is a free app developed on the back of Dry January, helping users track the benefits of mindful drinking. You don't need to give up drinking to use it, it's simply there to help you track what you drink, what you spend, and the calories you consume through alcohol. Try Dry is available on both Android and Apple devices.

NMAHP new graduate welcome event – now online The next NMAHP new graduate welcome event, on Friday 26 July, 9.30am-2pm, has now switched to a virtual event on Teams. Booking is via Turas (log-in required): [NMAHP Welcome | Turas | Learn \(nhs.scot\)](#) All NMAHP new graduates are required to attend one of these events.

ICYMI – charity roadshows NHS Grampian Charity is excited to be visiting hospitals across the region to answer your questions about the charity and how to access funds. Our next roadshows take place tomorrow (Tuesday) at Fleming Hospital, Aberlour (9.30am - 12pm) and Stephen Hospital, Dufftown (1.30-4pm). [Future roadshow dates are listed on the charity intranet page](#) (networked devices only)

Pause for thought What could you gain by spending time in a way that you know is of benefit to you? What might this allow you to give up?

Tune of the day Today's request goes out to Ann Morrice, a medical secretary at RACH. Ann is retiring and the other members of the 'Fab Four' - Lynne, Heather, and Kathryn – want to wish her all the very best. They've asked for [You've Got A Friend in Me](#) by Randy Newman (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