

Friday 1 November 2024

Learning Disability Nurses' Day On this day in 1919 the first Registered Nurse in learning disability was registered. It's safe to say this branch of the profession has changed a great deal since then, but one thing which has remained consistent is the commitment to care and compassion. We're sharing videos from our brilliant local LD nursing team across the NHS Grampian social media accounts; you can also [check them out on our YouTube channel](#).

Winter vaccinations – staff clinics If you haven't had your 'flu and/or COVID-19 vaccination this year, there's still time to get booked. The dedicated staff clinic list has been updated [and can be viewed here](#) (intranet link, networked devices only). Please check [Winter vaccines | NHS inform](#) for eligibility.

eESS downtime – tomorrow The eESS system will be unavailable for users between 7am-5pm tomorrow (Saturday). Atos require the downtime to allow completion of essential work to the system. This downtime will affect CORE, Manager Self Service and OBIEE reporting functions. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Parliamentary praise for pioneering surgery This time last week we shared news of a cutting-edge procedure at ARI, whereby surgeons can remove brain tumours via an incision in an eyebrow. We're pleased to say this is now the subject of a parliamentary motion by Aberdeen Donside MSP Jackie Dunbar. You can view the motion here: [S6M-15099 | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

Focus group – experience of disabled women in the workplace Close the Gap is currently undertaking research on disabled women's experiences of employment to gather evidence to build a richer picture about disabled women's working lives. They are looking to speak specifically with disabled women, and women with long-term health conditions, currently living and working in Scotland. The discussion will focus on:

- Experiences of employment as a disabled woman or a woman with a long-term health condition.
- How line management has shaped your experience of employment.
- Experiences of workplace culture including discrimination.

The focus group will take place via Teams, next Thursday (7 November) 6.30-8pm. Registration is via Eventbrite here: [Disabled women's labour market experience Tickets, Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite](#). Please share this information with patients, clients, colleagues, and friends and family, as appropriate.

That was the week that was

Monday 28 – Datix – it's for everyone, Values Based Reflective Practise

Tuesday 29 – requesting instalments of AfC pay arrears, Moray adult support & protection inspection report

Wednesday 30 – safe swallowing/textured modified diets training, future care planning and treatment escalation plans

Thursday 31 – network congestion update, car parking concerns

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STAR Award The STAR Award presentations keep on coming! Amy Rogers, a senior occupational therapist in Aberdeen, took the lead on a project to refresh the garden at Horizons, giving up her own time to do so. She has already enjoyed the fruits of her labour, running her first therapeutic session in the completed space. Also collecting an award was Carla Visocchi. Her nomination describes her as “... an incredibly dedicated and supportive senior paediatric trainee, consistently going above and beyond to improve services and support staff at the children's hospital”

You can put forward a colleague or a team for a STAR award at any time, [by completing the online nomination form](#), or emailing the details of the person/team you want to nominate to gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot.

Race night success Congratulations to the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Service team who recently held a race night as part of their work towards Pathway to Excellence. It was a great night and huge thanks to Sam Smith and Emma Good for organising, and everyone who donated prizes and sponsored horses.

Tune of the day Today's tune goes out to our learning disability nurses – and the wider teams who support them – on LD Nurses' Day. What else, but [Amazing](#) by George Michael?

That's (almost) it for another week. Enjoy your weekend, whatever it brings. The brief will be back on Monday (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