

Friday 10 January 2025

Cancer Consultation A huge thanks to all who have responded to the North Cancer Alliance Prehabilitation Mapping Consultation to tell us about what you are doing, planning or hoping to do around getting patients with a diagnosis of Cancer ready for their treatment or surgery.

We have some very exciting examples of work going on around the region. The six-minute survey is open until the end of Wednesday, January 15, to feedback your prehab info. For any queries please contact amy.anderson8@nhs.scot

NHS Grampian Staff Equalities Network The first spotlight session of the year will focus on understanding the health needs of asylum seekers living in communal accommodation in NHS Grampian.

The event will take place on Wednesday, January 15, between 2-3 pm, on MS Teams.

The Staff Equalities Network will welcome our fantastic guest speaker, Dr Christopher Morrison, public health registrar who, over the past months has done extensive research to undertake a comprehensive health needs assessment of asylum seekers living in communal accommodation in Grampian.

You will find further information about the session [here](#).

If you would like the link to join this session and find out more about the Staff Equalities Network, please drop us an email at gram.staffequalities@nhs.scot

Recycling bins available for wards There is a limited supply of new recycling bins available to help encourage wards and departments to recycle more plastics and packaging.

The bins being supplied will be free-of-charge and will, ideally, be positioned in areas to be able to divert the maximum amount of plastics and cardboard packaging from medical supplies which is unnecessarily being placed in orange bags at present.

They can also be claimed by any department looking to increase the availability of recycling bins in their area. There is only funding available for 100 bins so it will unfortunately be on a first-come-first-served basis.

Please contact NHSG Waste Management Officer neil.duncan3@nhs.scot to request a bin for your ward.

Facilitated dementia training update The courses advertised earlier this week, taking place in February, are now fully booked. A waiting list for places is now in operation. Organisers have said they are delighted at the level of interest and will be looking to facilitate further courses in future.

That was the week that was:

Monday 6 – “Could your email be a meeting?” and Reduced working week update

Tuesday 7 – MS forms update and NMAHPs developing research

Wednesday 8 – Face mask update and Step Count Challenge

Thursday 9 – Dialysis at Home and Dementia Training

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Parliamentary Motion Congratulations to our haemodialysis teams who have received a mention in the Scottish Parliament welcoming the news that kidney dialysis patients across Grampian are to be given the option of at-home treatment following a successful pilot.

The Parliamentary Motion congratulates all those involved in the pilot, including NHS Grampian Charity for supporting the purchasing of specialist equipment. The motion is available to [view online](#) and you can read our full news release on this important work at: [Life-changing dialysis at home treatment to be offered across NHS Grampian](#)

STAR Award Our first round of applause for 2025 goes to Karan Taylor, service manager in anaesthetics. She implemented a programme securing protected POAC clinic slots for thoracic surgical patients, enabling most to arrive on the day of surgery instead of the day before. Her efforts have reduced hospital stays by a day and eased the workload for anaesthetists and ward staff alike. If you want to nominate a colleague or team, please use this form: [STAR Award nomination form](#)

Tune of the day You don't need us to tell you that, 24 years ago this week the world lost, Def Leppard guitarist, Steve Clark. He left behind some glorious tunes. So to see us into the weekend, here's [Animal](#), from Sheffield band's 1987 album Hysteria.

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