

Friday 13 September 2024

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**SMS data breach update** Further to the update we shared on 27 August around a third-party supplier used to send SMS messages for the requesting/booking/cancelling of bank shifts suffering a data breach, we have been advised NHS Grampian was **not** affected. However, the guidance we shared around all colleagues protecting themselves from phishing, smishing and vishing remains valid. We would encourage everyone to protect themselves by being informed and vigilant at work and at home. Our guidance is linked here - [NHS Grampian Cyber Security Guidance \(cloud.microsoft\)](#) - and there's lots of good advice available from the National Cyber Security Centre online here - [Individuals & families - NCSC.GOV.UK](#).

**Chair's blog** Alison Evison has prepared her usual report, following yesterday's board meeting. You can read it via this link: [Board Briefing September 2024 \(cloud.microsoft\)](#)

**Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership engagement events** The AHSCP is going to be out and about across the 'Shire over the next couple of months as part of an ongoing approach to community and staff engagement. These events will be a great opportunity to get involved, wearing either a staff hat or a member of the public hat on and will give you an opportunity to help shape the future budget and the next 5-year strategic plan. The first drop-in event is in Peterhead this coming Monday at Buchan House from 3-7pm. Keep an eye out for more details coming soon.

**Free access to international conference events** Events from this year's prestigious Magnet and Pathway International Conference will be available via live stream. This is an incredible opportunity for nursing and advanced practice colleagues to experience inspiring keynote speakers, whose insights and perspectives have left a lasting impact on previous attendees from NHS Grampian.

The Magnet Recognition Programme® is a globally recognised designation for care excellence which our children's hospital is currently pursuing. The Pathway to Excellence Programme® provides a framework for developing a positive practice environment which colleagues across Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Services have recently adopted.

Online events will include best-selling author Shola Richards on mindset and criminal justice professor Damon West on inspiring to your full potential. Sessions will take place on 30 October from 2pm and 9.45pm, 31 October from 8.30pm and 1 November from 5.15pm. Visit: [Live Stream \(nursingworld.org\)](#) to register or find out more about the fantastic keynotes on offer [via the intranet news](#) (networked devices only).

## That was the week that was

Monday 9 – CDU update, 'At Your Best With Rest' campaign, focus on fetal alcohol spectrum disorder

Tuesday 10 – funded research opportunities, relocation of ARI linen services, bike security event at Foresterhill (17 September)

Wednesday 11 – site security reminder, reporting verbal abuse on Datix, review of Aberdeenshire Carers strategies

Thursday 12 – request to return cages, continue roll out of electronica payslips

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**STAR Award** No new presentations to share this week; 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](mailto:gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot).

**Ticket offer** The Cultivate electronic music festival takes place in Aberdeen on 21 & 22 September. NHS staff can get discounted tickets by entering the code nhs2024 [on the ticket website](#). As always, read the terms and conditions carefully. Remember, NHS Grampian is not responsible for – and does not benefit from – these offers.

**Tune of the day** Shannon and Amy in the central waiting times team make today's request, dedicated to their colleague Hannah who is moving on to another department. They've asked for [Good Luck Babe](#) by Chappell Roan.

Amanda Ferguson has let us know Robert O'Donnell, MCN Coordinator, completed an 8-hour continuous badminton challenge last weekend to raise over £600 for two important charities: Aberdeen Independent Multiple Sclerosis (AIMS) and Gordon Group Riding for the Disabled Association. Amanda says the whole team is incredibly proud of Robert and (being honest) slightly amazed he lasted 8 hours relatively unscathed. She's requested [You're The Best](#) by Joe Esposito

The weekend once again hoves into view. I am particularly giddy this Friday, as I'm heading off on leave. If that's you as well, enjoy it. If you've 'just' got the weekend, enjoy that too. As ever, to those of you working through, thank you and have a safe shift. 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](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot)