

Tuesday 16 July 2024

Pertussis/whooping cough vaccination As a reminder, we are offering vaccination against whooping cough to the following staff groups:

- Healthcare workers with regular and close clinical contact with severely ill or unimmunised infants and women in the last month of pregnancy in the hospital or community settings. This includes midwifery, obstetrics, maternity settings, neonatal units and paediatric intensive care, paediatrics, and Health Visitors.
- Other staff whose work involves regular, close and prolonged contact with unimmunised infants such as nursery workers in baby rooms

Anyone in the above groups who has had a pertussis containing vaccination in the **last five years** does **not** need to be re-vaccinated. Anyone in the above groups who is pregnant should be vaccinated through the maternal pertussis programme.

There will be a clinic, by appointment, at Chalmers Hospital on Wednesday 7 August between 9.30am and 1pm. Bookings can be made by emailing gram.ohs@nhs.scot or calling 01224 553663. If you need an appointment at another time, these are available in Elgin, Huntly, Banff, and Aberdeen, by contacting OHS on the above email or phone number.

Face fitting hub – move to online appointments for Rosehill House It remains vital for those colleagues who require – or may require – to wear FFP3 masks that they are properly fitted. The face fitting hub is moving to an online booking system for fitting appointments at Rosehill House (Foresterhill) from **6 August**. To access online booking, please scan the QR code below:



Face fit appointments at any other location in Grampian should be booked via the hub email address – gram.face-fit-appointment-hub@nhs.scot - or your local fit tester.

Car parking update Our request to vary the conditions of the multi-storey car park at Foresterhill remains under consideration. Staff use of this facility is permitted currently, using Level 6 and above only. We would remind everyone, on all sites, that spaces reserved for patients in front of our clinical buildings must not be used for parking when you are on shift. Please also ensure ambulance bays and 'blue badge' spaces are left clear. Do not park on double yellow lines or move cones to be able to park. These traffic markings are in place to ensure **all** vehicles can move safely around our sites.

Community respiratory team referrals Referring to the community respiratory team can now be done via order comms on Trakcare for any inpatient setting. The community respiratory team holds clinics across the region, seeing patients with chronic respiratory disease to help optimise their management. We are very happy to be referred exacerbating COPD patients or those with other respiratory diseases who have come into hospital and may need some help with their disease management.

Woodhill House move We know it has been some time since we last provided an update on this planned move for colleagues in Westholme, Summerfield House, and some locations at Foresterhill. Discussions have taken longer than anticipated due to several factors, some of which are outwith our direct control. Unfortunately, we still do not have a clear timeline for this move, however, we hope the timescale between the final agreement and moving day will be 3-4 months. In the meantime, we have started an engagement programme with those teams involved, via their nominated Change Champions. Further updates will be shared when available.

Preceptorship programme awareness sessions for AHPs We are running awareness sessions for allied health professionals supporting newly qualified practitioners to raise awareness and understanding of the NQP Preceptorship programme. The awareness sessions are suitable for any AHPs supporting a newly qualified practitioner e.g. line manager, practice supervisor, Flying Start facilitator. The sessions are running on:

- Wednesday 17 July, 1.30-2.45pm
- Monday 22 July, 11-11.45am

[You can join either of the above sessions using this link.](#)

UN Convention on Rights of a Child (UNCRC) The UNCRC is formally incorporated into Scottish law today; a landmark day for babies, children, young people and all who advocate for them. Have a look at this short video to hear what it means for children to be able to claim their rights and how we can help them to do so: [Children's Rights and the UNCRC in Scotland: An exploration of rights in our communities \(youtube.com\)](#)

Staff discounts – don't miss out! We occasionally share ticket offers in this brief, but did you know there's a whole section of the intranet dedicated to staff discounts? Just click on the Your Space button on the homepage or [follow this link](#) (networked devices only). You'll find a range of offers, including discounted tickets to Aberdeen Performing Arts 'International Season'

Tune of the day Stewart Copeland – composer, musician, best known as the drummer in The Police – turns 72 today. [Can't Stand Losing You](#) is our tune of the day (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