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What to do in a clinical emergency Do you know who to call in the case of a clinical emergency? It will depend on where you are located and what your local protocol is. This information can be found on clinical emergency protocol signs displayed in your workplace. If you do not have any displayed, please contact the resuscitation department to provide them. For those based in areas where you would call 2222, please see some FAQs below:

- *Can I only call 2222 for a cardiac arrest?* No, 2222 is a clinical emergency number, which means it can be used for clinical support in any situation where help is needed for an unwell person.
- *Can I only call a clinical emergency for an in-patient who has become unwell?* No, you can call 2222 for support if it is a patient, staff member, visitor or anyone else you may have found unwell.
- *I have been told I can't call 2222 for help if it is not in a clinical area. Is this information correct?* It is not, as you can call 2222 for help in other areas, such as in corridors, hospital canteens, and staff areas. Just make sure you give a clear location to switchboard when making the call.
- *What time of day is 2222 support available?* 2222 can be called 24 hours, seven days a week.
- *Can I call 2222 if I need help outside the hospital, but still on hospital grounds? Such as in a hospital car park?* There is currently no confirmed policy for this as such, but it is recommended that 2222 **and** 999 are both called for a dual response.

No purchase order, no payment One of the financial controls we have in place is a policy of 'no purchase order, no payment'. This is outlined in our [Standing Financial Instructions](#) (networked devices only). It ensures all orders for goods and services are made through authorised suppliers, subject to appropriate due diligence checks, and all commitments are within delegated financial limits. If you are responsible for procurement activity, remember we only pay for goods or services where the order is supported by a valid contractual agreement and/or a valid purchase order. This control also protects our organisation from the significant risk of procurement fraud.

If you have any questions concerning our policy of 'No purchase order, no payment', please email gram.noponopay@nhs.scot or gram.procurement@nhs.scot

ICYMI - Safe Access Zones Safe Access Zones are in place everywhere that abortion services are provided in Scotland from 24 September 2024. Within a Safe Access Zone, it's illegal to try to influence, harass, or prevent anyone from accessing or providing abortion services. There are 30 safe access zones across Scotland, including four in Grampian. For more information, visit: [Safe Access Zones](#)

MAP of Health Behaviour Change Learning Programme The MAP (Motivation Action Prompt) Learning Programme aims to equip all health, care and third sector staff with the knowledge, skills and confidence to talk to people about behaviour change and to deliver theory-based interventions which are person-centred and will promote positive health and wellbeing outcomes.

The latest session dates are now available. Find out more on [this MAP intranet page](#) (networked devices only) or email gram.mapgrampian@nhs.scot with any questions.

Paediatric bed standards demo There will be an opportunity to see a demonstration of Lisclare's Paediatric bed/cot/crib on Thursday 3rd October from 10am to 3pm in Room 206 at the Suttie Centre, Foresterhill Campus. This will be a drop-in session, with presentations offered during both the morning and afternoon from Arron Hurn on 'Lisclare and the children's bed standards.'

Migraine project – working with Grampian Hospitals Art Trust (GHAT) The latest phase of the migraine project will see a series of free art and creative writing sessions, led by GHAT, taking place in Aberdeen. People living with migraine are invited to attend all – or some – of the events, taking place in the Aberdeen Vaccination Centre and Wellbeing Hub (Bon Accord Centre) on 21 and 28 September, and 5 and 12 October. All sessions run 10.30am-12.30pm, [full details and booking information online here](#).

Values Based Reflection Practice online and in-person sessions VBRP® is a moment in the present, to reflect on the past and influence your practice. By intentionally setting time aside to reflect, VBRP® creates space to:

- Step back from your busy day to day work and draw breath
- Focus on what's important in the mist of what feels immediate and urgent
- Take stock of the impact your work has on you personally
- Review your practice and adapt it

Online and In-Person VBRP® sessions are now available to book. Whether you're completely new to it or you're a VBRP® veteran, simply [fill in this form to sign-up](#). For more information, email gram.vbrp@nhs.scot

Reminder – book for the Non-Medical Prescribing Conference Bookings for the next NMP Virtual Conference will close next Friday (27th Sept) at 12noon. View the [full programme and booking instructions](#) (networked devices only).

Updated time for Shared Learning Event, open to all The September Shared Learning Event will take place virtually this Thursday, from 12noon to 1pm on Teams. Apologies the incorrect time was shared in yesterday's Brief. Lead Nurse Linda Oldroyd will present a Scottish Public Services Ombudsman (SPSO) Case Study, and Dr Laura Clark, Consultant Nephrologist and Fiona Mitchell, Nurse Manager will be presenting a Level 1 review. Access to past recordings can be found on the [Shared Learning QIAT Intranet page](#) or on the Shared Learning Event MS Teams channel. If you would like to join the group or attend this session, please contact gram.qiat@nhs.scot. If you would like to discuss presenting at future events, please get in touch with celine.macconnell@nhs.scot or carol.fraser8@nhs.scot

Appointments available with Aberdeen Dental Outreach Centre The centre is currently inviting unregistered patients for treatment within student teaching clinics. Student treatment is free of charge and is supervised by fully qualified and experienced dentists. If you are over 18 years of age, are not

currently registered with a dentist and are able to attend appointments during working hours, further information can be obtained by calling Argyll Dental Practice on 01224 551581 ext. 51581.

Details of this offer are also included in a [poster uploaded on this intranet page](#) (networked devices only) for teams who wish to display this in their waiting areas. Please note, an assessment is carried out prior to a patient being accepted to the student clinic to ensure student teaching requirements are matched to patient treatment needs.

WayWord Festival The University of Aberdeen's fifth WayWORD Festival will get underway from this Saturday, with a full programme of literary and cross-arts events. This will include a performance showcase with creative writing by medical students published in Verbal Remedies. There is plenty to entice audiences of all ages and interests, tickets are FREE and BSL is available throughout. Book now: www.waywordfestival.com

Tune of the day Samatha Smith from the mental health and learning disabilities service has requested [America – A horse with no name](#) in preparation for a Pathway to Excellence fundraiser the team are running at the end of October. All welcome! Whether you're onto a winner this evening or have a bit of a slog ahead, we hope this keeps you boogie-ing! (KJ)

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