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We don't often make announcements like this; however, there is an exception to every rule. The family of Edward (Eddie) Stevenson have asked us to share news of his death last weekend, at the age of 81. Eddie worked in the Medical Physics team at ARI for decades and was part of the team which developed the world's first MRI scanner in Aberdeen. He also, for 36 years, put on **the** best Christmas display in Aberdeen, in the front garden of his home on Ashgrove Road West, raising thousands for local charities. Many of you will have worked with Eddie, many more of you will have enjoyed those Christmas displays. Our thoughts are with the Stevenson family at this sad time.

Pertussis/whooping cough cases Public Health Scotland have confirmed there have been 5,270 cases of pertussis in Scotland up to 15 July this year. You can read their full report here: [Latest update on whooping cough in Scotland - News - Public Health Scotland](#)

As a reminder, we are offering whooping cough vaccination to healthcare workers who have regular, close, clinical contact with severely ill or unimmunised infants, or with those in the final month of pregnancy, and to those staff who have regular, close, contact with unimmunised infants, such as nursery staff in baby rooms. 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.

UK Covid inquiry – first report published A report reviewing the UK's resilience and preparedness for the pandemic has been published today. This is the first such report to come from the UK Covid inquiry, you can read a summary and the full report and recommendations here: [Module 1 Report - UK Covid-19 Inquiry \(covid19.public-inquiry.uk\)](#)

Foundation year doctor buddy scheme The trainee lead team have been developing a buddy system to support foundation year trainees; both incoming FY1s joining us in August and current FY1s who will become FY2s. If you would like to be a buddy to a FY trainee or are going to be an FY2 in August and would like to be paired with a buddy, simply scan the QR code below. Questions? Get in touch with trainee leads via gram.traineeleads@nhs.scot Please note this scheme will only cover ARI at present.



HCPC registration renewals Members of the Health & Care Professions Council (HCPC) are required to renew their registration every two years. The registration renewal window is currently open for chiropodists/podiatrists, and hearing aid dispensers, closing **31 July**. For a full list of professions and their registration renewal dates, please visit the HCPC website here: [When to renew | \(hcpc-uk.org\)](https://www.hcpc-uk.org/when-to-renew)

Remember, renewing your registration with any professional body is your responsibility; a lapsed professional registration will impact on your ability to work.

Paediatric physiotherapy advice line The paediatric physiotherapy service run a children and young person's advice line twice a week. This is available to anyone with questions or concerns about a child's mobility, any recovery from injury, or if the child is not hitting expected milestones. The line is open every Wednesday (1-3pm) and Friday (11am – 1pm) on 01224 559 877

Introduction to lifestyle medicine – now with booking link Drs Julie Gray and Adaeze Ifezulike are hosting an introduction to lifestyle medicine at Woodside medical practice in Aberdeen at 6.30pm on Tuesday 30 July. This session is open to medical and nursing staff, and allied health professionals in patient-facing roles. CPD points are available to attendees; [please register using this link](#).

Tune of the day Pharmacist Anne Bain finishes up on maternity leave today; the Kincardine & Mearns pharmacy team have been in touch to ask us to dedicate [Into the Unknown](#) by Panic! At The Disco to her.

The Forensic Acute team at Royal Cornhill have also been emailing, requesting [Sweet Caroline](#) for deputy charge nurse Greg. As an England supporter, he's been through the ringer over the last couple of weeks, but it was an unforgettable experience (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