

Tuesday 18 June 2024

Whooping cough (pertussis) vaccination for healthcare workers We've previously shared information in this brief about whooping cough (pertussis). Cases in the community are continuing to increase. As such, the Chief Medical Officer and Chief Nursing Officer have advised boards to offer vaccination to healthcare workers who regularly encounter anyone in the late stages of pregnancy and young infants. Occupational Health are now ready to invite the following groups for vaccination:

- **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. Drop-in vaccination clinics will be provided by the Scottish Ambulance Service in the car parks at the following venues:

Monday 24 June, 9am- 4pm, Peterhead Community Hospital, Links Terrace, Peterhead, AB42 2XB

Tuesday 25 June, 9am- 4pm, Peterhead Community Hospital, Links Terrace, Peterhead, AB42 2XB

Wednesday 26 June, 9-4 pm, Inverurie Hospital, Upperboat Road, Inverurie, AB513UL

Thursday 27 June, 9am-12noon, Kincardine Community Hospital, Kirkton Road, Stonehaven, AB39 2NJ

Thursday 27 June, 2-4 pm, Glen O' Dee Hospital, Corsee Road, Banchory, AB31 5SA

Monday 1 July, 9am-5pm, Antenatal Clinic, Aberdeen Maternity Hospital, Cornhill Road, Foresterhill, Aberdeen, AB25 2ZL

Wednesday 3 July, 1-5pm, Antenatal Clinic Room 7 – Aberdeen Maternity Hospital, Cornhill Road, Foresterhill, Aberdeen, AB25 2ZL

Dates for Moray to be announced. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with OHS on ext 53663 or via gram.ohs@nhs.scot

Car parking etiquette We want to all colleagues that spaces reserved for patients in front of our clinical buildings must not be used for parking when you are on shift. We would also remind everyone reading to ensure ambulance bays and 'blue badge' spaces are left clear. Please 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. 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 are always keen to encourage Active Travel, so please visit this website to find out more: [Active Travel \(nhsgrampian.org\)](https://www.nhs.uk/active-travel)

iMatter- what happens next? iMatter reports will be shared next Monday (24 June). Teams have until 12noon on Monday 19 August to discuss and agree their action plan. Managers, if you aren't sure where to begin with this process, then come along to an action planning workshop. This is a practical session to help you get your team action planning completed. Work with peers to share ideas and walk away with a plan to take forward and work with your team. The first dates are below, and all sessions are bookable on Turas: [iMatter Action Planning Session | Turas | Learn \(nhs.scot\)](#)

- Thursday 27 June, 9.30am-12pm, Teams
- Monday 1 July, 10am-12.30pm, Teams
- Wednesday 3 July, 12-3pm, Teams
- Thursday 4 July, 9.30am-12pm, Teams

There are lots more dates available via the Turas link above. If none of them suit and you would still welcome support with action planning, please get in touch via gram.imatter@nhs.scot; it may be possible to arrange a bespoke session.

Allied Health Professions 'bite-size' CPD session – this Friday! The AHP Practice Education Leads across the North of Scotland (NHS Grampian, NHS Highlands, NHS Orkney, NHS Shetland, and NHS Western Isles) are collaborating to offer bitesize CPD sessions for all AHPs. These are half hour CPD sessions taking place on Teams. We are aiming to have a new topic each month and the session will be run twice so that those in part-time roles have greater opportunity to attend. Our next session will take place this Friday (21 June), on peer-assisted learning (PAL) starting at 9am. Please save the date in your diary and join the session via this link: [Join conversation \(microsoft.com\)](#)

UK General Election The deadline to register to vote in the UK General Election, taking place on Thursday 4 July, is **11.59pm tonight (Tuesday)**. More information on registering, postal votes, and ID requirements at polling stations [is available on the Electoral Commission website](#).

Home energy advice Do you want to save money on your energy bills at home? Home Energy Scotland will be hosting an information session via Teams, next Tuesday (25 June) at 2pm. Book for this free session and find out more information using this link: [Save Energy At Home at Online event tickets from TicketSource](#)

Tune of the day The ever lovely Yvonne Wright is bidding the NHS farewell today, after a nursing career which has seen her work in countless settings. She was also, for a time, one of my co-hosts on the health show broadcast on shmuFM. A woman of many talents, her colleagues have been in touch to request [Yvonne's The One](#). Written by Paul McCartney and Eric Stewart of 10CC, we've gone for Macca's version (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