

Friday 18 October 2024

**Another award win for RACH play team** We are thrilled to tell you the play team at RACH have been named Play Team of the Year by the Starlight Children's Foundation. This is very well-deserved recognition for the team who, along with volunteers and support from GHAT and ARCHIE, work tirelessly to support children and young people while in hospital. They are pictured below at their award celebration event



**First steps in research** Are you a health and care professional with an interest in research? If so, this event is just for you! Registration is now live for the 'NIHR Associate PI Scheme: Launching your Research Career' Event on Tuesday 19 November, 9am-12:30pm; [click here to access the Eventbrite page and register for a ticket now.](#)

The Associate PI Scheme is a six month in-work training opportunity, providing practical experience for health and care professionals starting their research career. Whether you're eager to find out exactly what's involved with the [Associate PI Scheme](#), or you're already familiar with the programme and want to learn more, this event is an excellent opportunity to gain insights and get involved. Further information is available by following the links or contact Louise Osborne - NIHR API Champion for NHS Grampian - [louise.osborne4@nhs.scot](mailto:louise.osborne4@nhs.scot).

**Chaplains' Week** Beginning on Monday (21 October) Chaplains' Week is an annual opportunity to highlight the work of healthcare chaplains and the wider spiritual care team. In ARI, there will be an information space at the Rotunda entrance and a reflective space in the chapel (Pink Zone Level 2). There will also be a display in Dr Gray's Hospital in Elgin. This year's theme is 'Beyond Religious Roles', highlighting the breadth of service the spiritual care department provides across NHS Grampian.

**ICYMI walking workplaces** In partnership with Paths for All (Scotland's national walking charity) we are taking part in the Walking Workplaces programme. Over the next six months there will be various activities promoting walking culture and community. This will include at least one step count challenge.

Walking has proven benefits for mental wellbeing and reducing stress levels, but to maximise the good from this project we would appreciate it [if you could complete this questionnaire](#). It should take approximately 5 minutes to do, and we would really appreciate as many staff members completing it as possible, whether you do much walking currently or not. If you would like more information about Walking Workplaces, or have any queries, please email: [gram.activetravel@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.activetravel@nhs.scot)

### **That was the week that was**

Monday 14 – celebrating AHP Day, update on Loop roll-out, hate crime reporting module

Tuesday 15 – reminder re: requesting instalments of Agenda for Change pay arrears, application of AHP dementia policy in Grampian

Wednesday 16 – winter preparations, Safe Access Zones – local policy

Thursday 17 – finance Q&A sessions, treatment escalation plans for all inpatients

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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).

**Tune of the day** Please consider this your pun warning... Julia Wells, Emma Good and Sam Smith are hosting a race night at the Ashvale on Sunday 27 October. The girls are looking forward to the 'mane' event and may even have a 'chardonhay' on the night! For them, [Black Horse & The Cherry Tree](#) - this version is from KT Tunstall's first appearance on 'Later...' Just her and a loop pedal and it is quite something.

One of the last remaining stars from Hollywood's golden age, Mitzi Gaynor, has taken her final curtain call. Here's [I'm In Love With A Wonderful Guy](#) from South Pacific.

As the weekend moves ever closer, I wish you a good one, whatever you are doing. 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)